

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(331) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What was the annual cost of providing meals to the clients at the Christmas Island detention facility?
- (2) What is the daily cost of feeding detainees on a per person basis?

Answer:

- (1) Costs associated with the provision of catering services for clients in immigration detention are incorporated in the tendered Facilities Management and Support Services fee. It is not possible to break that figure down into various components.
- (2) The cost of catering services as described above has a fixed and variable component and depends on total numbers of clients but can not be broken down with costs attributable to individuals.