

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(43) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 50) asked:

Were any departmental officials sent to Romania at any time in relation to the 44 individuals? Provide details, including cost to the Australian Government.

Answer:

The Department's Principal Migration Officer at the Australian Embassy in Belgrade has visited the Emergency Transit Centre on four occasions, along with a locally engaged staff member. The dates of the visits were 30 December 2009, 4 February 2010, 5-8 August 2010 and 15-17 October 2010. Travel, accommodation and associated interpreting costs for these four trips totalled AUD6690.49.