

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(61) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 59) asked:

What is the range of payments reported to have been made by the IMAs to these people smugglers?

*Answer:*

Based on data obtained through the entry interviews of 5209 IMAs in the 2009-10 financial year, average amounts that IMAs paid to people smugglers were:

- 21% paid between \$0 and \$5000
- 30% paid between \$5001 and \$10,000
- 37% paid between \$10,001 and \$15,000
- 12% paid \$15001 or more.