

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(96) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 91) asked:

The estimate of costs for offshore detention facilities in 2010-11 was \$471 million based on 2,000 arrivals. When the minister says that releasing families into community will be contained within the existing budget, is he referring to the \$471 million contained in the budget papers or will you be seeking additional funds through MYEFO to support that decision?

Answer:

Releasing families into the community will be contained within the budget for program 4.3 "Offshore Asylum Seeker Management". The department did not seek additional funds through MYEFO.