

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(98) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 92-93) asked:

Provide the difference between the estimate for 4,500 IMAs and the actual costs for 2009-10.

Answer:

The 2009-10 budget estimate for program 4.3, "Offshore Asylum Seeker Management" only, was \$144.02 million (excluding depreciation).

Additional funding of \$18.53 million for program 4.3 was sought at 2009-10 Additional Estimates.

The final cost of program 4.3 for 2009-10 was \$234.33 million (excluding depreciation).

The difference between the initial budget estimate and the actual costs for 2009-10 for program 4.3 was \$90.31 million (excluding depreciation).