

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0302) Program 2.1: Pontville Charters

Senator Abetz (L & CA 82) asked:

In relation to the detainee's transferred to Pontville, what was the cost of the charter flights?

Answer:

The first group of 35 asylum seekers were transferred to Pontville Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) 1 September 2011.

The total cost for transporting this group via charter flight from Curtin IDC to Pontville IDC was \$185 900.

As at close of business 16 October 2011 the total cost for charters from other facilities to Pontville was \$384 473.