

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE:

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0332) Program 4.2.: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

How much has the Department been charged by State or Territory police services in 2010-2011 and the year to date? How many MOUs exist between the Commonwealth and the States? Which States? Can you provide the Committee with copies of those MOUs?

Answer:

For the financial year 2010/11 the Department of Immigration and Citizenship has paid \$347 882 to State and Territory Law Enforcement Agencies.

From 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the Department has paid \$97 414 to State and Territory Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Department has been recently invoiced \$117 153.68 by State and Territory Law Enforcement Agencies and payment processes are underway.

Currently, the Department is a party to two MOUs with State Law Enforcement Agencies. One MOU is in place between the Department and Victoria Police for the provision of local policing services to Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre. A second MOU is in place between the Department and Tasmania Police for the provision of local policing services at Pontville Immigration Detention Centre.

The Department is currently negotiating MOUs with the remaining State and Territory Law Enforcement Agencies for the provision of policing services to immigration detention facilities in their respective jurisdictions.

As these MOUs include sensitive information related to relations between the Commonwealth and the States, it would not be appropriate to release the documents.