

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0346) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA written) asked in relation to the Jandakot Airport Chalets Alternative Place of Detention:

I refer to the answer given to Senate Parliamentary Question on Notice 687, asked by Senator Cash, which states: "(6) The Department has signed a contract with Airport Chalet Centre Pty Ltd for the provision of accommodation services at the Jandakot Airport Chalets. The contract is not a lease." Please provide further details of this contract - what services are Airport Chalet Centre Pty Ltd contracted to supply, i.e. meals, accommodation, educational programmes, exercise programmes, etc? What other services are provided to asylum seekers housed at Jandakot Airport Chalets that are NOT provided by Airport Chalet Centre Pty Ltd? Who provides these additional services? At what cost?

Answer:

The department's contract with the Airport Chalet Centre Ltd ended on 21 October 2011. The services that were provided by the Airport Chalet Centre included servicing rooms, cleanliness of site and repairs and maintenance.

Other onsite services were provided by IHMS and Serco.

IHMS was responsible for the provision of health care services including the medical clinic. There were monthly staffing and facilities charges for the provision of health care services to people detained at the Jandakot Alternative Place of Detention. These charges were incurred under a commercial arrangement between the department and IHMS and the department is unable to disclose them as they are commercial-in-confidence. These charges did not include costs such as medicines, external medical appointments and specialist referrals, which were passed through to the department. As at 31 October 2011, these pass through costs totalled \$934.01.

Serco were responsible for security, groceries for clients to prepare their own meals and programmes and activities. As at 31 October 2011, these costs totalled \$1.4M.