

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0362) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Darwin International Detention Centres: What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in 2010-2011 and the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs.

Answer:

- Total operating cost of detention at Darwin from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$121.15m.
- Total operating cost of detention at Darwin from 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 was \$49.53m.
- Both figures include:
 - Payment for services to Serco
 - Departmental staff costs and
 - Departmental operating costs.