

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0368) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Leonora: According to previous estimates, the Department leased the facility at Leonora for \$3.1 million for the period 27 April to 7 November 2010. What is the cost of the lease between November 2010 and the present date? Has the lease been renewed? For how long and at what cost?

Answer:

The Department previously advised that the total cost for the period May 2010 to November 2010 came to \$6.5M and not \$3.1M, due to an increase in client and staff numbers.

The cost for the facility block booking from December 2010 to the end of October 2011 was \$7.8M.

The contract was extended from May 2011 to December 2012 at a cost of \$18.5M including GST.

These costs include the booking of the buildings, cleaning, maintenance, all utility costs and all meals for the clients.