QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0375) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Derby Hospital: What has been the cost of treating asylum seekers at the Derby Hospital to date since the Curtin Detention Centre re-opened?

Answer.

The Health Services Provider advises that since the re-opening of the Curtin Immigration Detention Centre in June 2010, and up to 24 November 2011, a total of \$88,683.50 had been paid to the Derby Hospital. These payments have been for radiological services.

The Western Australia Government is yet to invoice the department for other treatment costs at Derby Hospital.

The department is negotiating a cost recovery mechanism with the Western Australia Department of Health for the other health services it provides, including at Derby Hospital.