

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0376) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Derby Hospital: What is the total amount outstanding to Derby Hospital (or WA Country Health Service) as at 20 October 2011 for treatment provided to asylum seekers? Why has this amount not been paid? When will it be paid?

Answer:

The Health Services Provider, IHMS, advises that as at 20 October 2011 there was an outstanding amount owing to Derby Hospital of \$5,518.50 for radiological services provided to clients in detention. On receipt of completed invoices, IHMS paid this amount on 1 November 2011.

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.