

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0054) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Litigation costs: How much has the government paid out in compensation to IMAs and for what reasons since 2007-08?

Answer:

As at 30 September 2012, departmental records show that no compensation has been paid to IMAs that have arrived since July 2007. Any compensation payments made to unauthorised boat arrivals in recent years were to people who arrived prior to 2007-08.