

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0060) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

What is the forecast IMA estimate for 2011-12 financial year and 2012-13? What about in the forward estimates?

Answer:

Expenditure for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) in the 2011-12 financial year was \$1,299.962 million, including depreciation expense of \$31.341 million.

Following the passing of Appropriation (Implementation of the Report of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers) Bills (No. 1 and No. 2) 2012-13 on 19 November 2012 the budget estimate for the care and management of IMAs in the 2012-13 financial year is \$1,823.620 million, including depreciation expense of \$29.237 million.

A summary of funding for the care and management of IMAs, including the forward estimates, is as follows:

2012-13 (\$'m)	2013-14 (\$'m)	2014-15 (\$'m)	2015-16 (\$'m)
1 823.620*	958.640	416.460	303.932

*Following adjustments made in respect of funding for 2011-12 expense accruals

These estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, processing times, rejection rates, the number of families, the number of unaccompanied minors, health issues and associated health care required, costs associated with appeals, security costs, the costs of the Immigration Advice & Application Assistance Scheme, the costs of interpreters, the costs of other service providers including for pastoral care, counselling and education, and whether the client resides in an immigration facility, in community detention or in the community.