

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0275) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (L&CA 115) asked:

Provide an updated figure in relation to what asylum seekers say they are paying to get to Australia.

*Answer:*

Based on data obtained through the entry interviews of IMAs in the period 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2012, the range of amounts IMAs paid to people smugglers were:

30% paid between \$0 and \$5000  
46% paid between \$5000 and \$10,000  
16% paid between \$10,000 and \$15,000  
8% paid \$15000 or more.