

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0528) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Onshore arrangements - Community Detention: What is the cost of the community detention arrangements to the end of the 2011-12 financial year? What are the estimated costs for 2012-13? Please provide a breakdown of where those costs occur.

Answer:

The cost of community detention arrangements for the 2011-12 financial year was \$108.9 million.

These costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs). The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.