

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0581) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

In relation to charter flights to transport asylum seekers across the entire immigration network, in the last financial year and the final year to date what was the cost of those flights?

*Answer:*

The cost of charter flights to transport asylum seekers across the entire immigration network in the 2011-2012 financial year was \$28 322 100.

The total cost of charter flights for the 2012-2013 financial year (to 31 October) was approximately \$26.5 million.