

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0585) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands: Has the government agreed to improve infrastructure on the Island to alleviate the additional stress these IMAs are having on the Cocos Island community? If so, what amount has been budgeted for this?

*Answer:*

No funding has been allocated this financial year for capital works on Cocos Island by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport is responsible for infrastructure on Cocos Island.