

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0692) PROGRAM – 6.1: Multicultural and Citizenship Services

Senator Cash (written) asked:

The Australian Multicultural Council (AMC) was officially launched by the Prime Minister on 22 August 2011. Since 22 August 2011 through to 30 September 2012 (on a monthly basis and as an aggregate total), what has been the AMC's expenditure on: a. airfares? and: b. accommodation, meals and catering.

Answer:

Since the Australian Multicultural Council (AMC) was launched on 22 August 2011, the aggregate expenditure on airfares, accommodation, meals and catering has been approximately \$135 710 (refer note to table).

A breakdown of approximate expenditure by month is provided in the table below.

AMC expenditure by month on (a) airfares and
(b) accommodation, meals and catering.

Month	Airfares	Accommodation, Meals and Catering	Total
August 2011	\$11 840	\$4700	\$16 540
September 2011	\$760	Nil	\$760
October 2011	\$13 950	\$1960	\$15 910
November 2011	\$4260	\$1010	\$5260
December 2011	\$10 700	\$1380	\$12 080
January 2012	\$4330	\$720	\$5050
February 2012	\$13 960	\$3190	\$17 150
March 2012	\$2830	Nil	\$2830
April 2012	\$10 700	\$3970	\$14 670
May 2012	\$2210	Nil	\$2210
June 2012	\$9770	\$2340	\$12 110
July 2012	Nil	Nil	Nil
August 2012	\$6990	\$250	\$7240
September 2012	\$10 390	\$13 590	\$23 980
Aggregate Total	\$102 690	\$33 020	\$135 710

Expenditure has been rounded to nearest \$10.00. Monthly expenditure allocation is approximate due to verification and reconciliation processes.