

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0181) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?

Answer:

The printing and publications costs for the past three financial years are as follows:

| Expense Category | 2010-11 \$'000 | 2011-12 \$'000 | 2012-13 \$'000 |
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| Printing and Publications | 4,345 | 4,148 | 4,840 |

The increase in printing and publication costs in 2012-13 is consistent with the increase in overall costs for the department due to increased workloads, particularly in the Offshore Asylum Seeker Management programme.

MRT RRT:

Printing costs for the MRT-RRT have remained stable with almost all costs associated with the printing of the MRT-RRT Annual Report.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 1 June 2013, please refer to QoN 81 from the budget estimates round.

Yes. The cost for the period of 1 June 2013 to 19 November 2013 was \$513,052. This is a reduction of \$139,194, over the corresponding period in 2012 (\$652,246).