

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0282) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the funding arrangements for the Ministers' offices and the Parliamentary Secretary's office? • Is there a specific budget for both offices? • Has a specific funding allocation been set aside within the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices in the portfolio? • Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets? • Can you provide details of those administrative arrangements?

Answer:

There is a combined annual budget which has a specific funding allocation for the offices of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection. This budget allows the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices.

The department has set administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets. Both offices have been allocated with separate cost centres and are managed by a departmental cost centre manager. The expenditure is reviewed monthly by the cost centre manager.