

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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Question: How many IMAs have taken advantage of the re-integration package? At what cost?

Answer: As at 24 August 2011, IMAs have taken up 78 Individual Reintegration Assistance (IRA) packages (covering 80 individuals, including a family of three) prior to returning to their home country. The cost of the cash and in-kind assistance provided through the IRA packages was AUD 224,347.

The costs comprise cash and in-kind assistance to Afghan and Iraq nationals valued at up to USD 4,000 and at up to USD 3,300 for other nationalities. The cash component can be up to \$550. In-kind assistance includes items such as small business start up assistance, skills development and training, job placement or other income generating activities.