

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(93) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries asked:

- (1) What is the cost of flying in food for the Christmas Island IDC?
- (2) What is the cost of this versus the method shipped to the local Christmas Islanders?

Answer:

- (1) The cost is approximately \$6.60 per kilogram on commercial flights or about \$3.80 per kilogram where Serco Australia Pty Ltd (the detention service provider) or DIAC directly charter an aircraft.
- (2) The freight component of the Christmas Island price for any food commodity is not disclosed by food importers on the Island.