

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0052) Program: Internal product

Senator Cash asked:

If the more than 17,600 IMAs had not arrived in Australia as a result of the Government's failed policies, how much would the department have saved in legal, litigation, court and other costs involved in IMAs and the department preparing protection visa applications and defending them at all levels of review?

Answer:

The department is unable to speculate on savings in legal and other costs.