

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE 12/0053) Program: Internal product**

Senator Cash asked:

How much has the government paid out in compensation to IMAs and for what reasons since 2007-08?

*Answer:*

As at 31 March 2012, departmental records show that no compensation has been paid to IMAs that have arrived since July 2007. Any compensation payments made to unauthorised boat arrivals in recent years were to people who arrived prior to 2007-08.