

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0451) Program: 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Contracts: What is the value of the IHMS contract for 2012-13 and for each of the financial years in the forward estimates? What are the elements of that contract?

Answer:

Since 1 May 2012, detention health services for both the mainland and Christmas Island have been delivered by IHMS under the *Health Services Contract*.

The estimated value of the *Health Services Contract*, over the life of the contract (14 January 2009 – 14 January 2014), is currently recorded on AusTender as \$679.8m. The value for each year is not identified in the contract.

The *Health Services Contract* provides for the following types of expenditure:

- Set overhead administrative fees
- Clinic fees – which vary based on client numbers across the detention network
- Temporary proposals – fixed fees for specified purposes (such as additional staffing/services to meet identified needs)
- Pass through costs – costs for items such as medicines which are purchased by IHMS then passed through to the Department for reimbursement