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Dear Ms Dennett

Questions on Notice - Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2012

At the Committee's public hearing on 8 June 2012, the Attorney-General's Department undertook to provide additional information on the cost to Australian Government agencies of facilitating passenger exit arrangements.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) advises that it expends approximately \$63.34 million per year on the service delivery component of its Border Programme. Of that figure, \$5.6 million relates directly to the exit facilitation of international passengers. It should be noted that these figures represents direct attributable costs only. Other program areas of DIAC undertake activities relating to departures; however, it is not possible to accurately estimate those costs.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) advises that it has no programs of expenditure relating to the facilitation on passenger exit arrangements, given its sole operational focus is on biosecurity for inbound passengers and cargo. In 2011-12, DAFF has a forecast spend of \$83.0 million on inward passenger clearance.

This information is supplementary to the figures provided on during testimony on 8 June 2012 with respect to funding for the Australian Customs and Border Protection Passengers Division and the cost to the Australian Federal Police of aviation policing.

I hope this information is of assistance to the Committee. The action officer for this matter is Rebekah Kilpatrick who can be contacted on

Yours sincerely

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