

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/182) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the funding arrangements for the Ministers' office and the Assistant Minister's office?

- a. Is there a specific budget for both offices?
- b. Has a specific funding allocation been set aside within the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices in the portfolio?
- c. Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets?
- d. Can you provide details of those administrative arrangements?

*Answer:*

1. There is a specific funding allocation that covers both offices of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.

- a) Yes
- b) Yes
- c) The department has set administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets. Both offices have been allocated with separate cost centres and are managed by a departmental cost centre manager. The expenditure is reviewed monthly by the cost centre manager.