

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance and Deregulation

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Cost of immigration processing

**Senator:** Cormann

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**Question:**

Could you provide on notice how much was spent on processing irregular maritime arrivals in 2007-08, and then how much is going to be spent, on an annual basis, over the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) has responsibility for processing irregular maritime arrivals. Funds are appropriated for this purpose to DIAC and are published in the Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio Budget Statements.

In 2007-08, DIAC spent \$72.7 million processing IMAs. The budgeted expenditure for processing IMAs for the period of 2011-12 to 2014-15 is published in the 2011-12 Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio Budget Statements under Outcome 4.3.