QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(23) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Nettle (L&C 30) asked:

For the West Papuans and the West Timorese who are currently there—I know you have given this figure before but there may be an updated one—what is the cost per detainee per day of being held in that facility and how does that compare with other mainland facilities? We have had those figures in the past, but it is always worth asking to see if there is an update.

Answer:

DIMA does not separate the detention costs for individuals or groups from those of other detainees.

The costs of detention charged to detainees (if applicable) is set at \$114 per day for each detention facility.