QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(6) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Nettle (L&C 28) asked:

"I presume that DIMA covered the costs of the lawyers who went out to visit the asylum seekers on Christmas Island in the last two weeks. With the list of costs that you are providing on notice, could I also have one for that?"

Answer:

The migration agents have not yet completed their work assisting the group. The total cost of their assistance for the group is not yet available.