

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(101) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries asked:

- (1) What is the cost of providing an internet service to detainees at the Christmas Island IDC?
- (2) Is there a cap on how many minutes they use the internet for?
- (3) Are they supervised when using the internet at all times?

Answer:

(1) Approximately \$80,000 per annum. This figure covers IMA client, DIAC staff and contractors (e.g. interpreters, health service provider) usage only. DIAC does not pay for the Detention Service Provider's internet usage.

(2) Clients are able to book 15 minute timeslots to use the internet facilities at the IDC. Restrictions are not placed on how many timeslots a client can book per day, however clients are encouraged to extend courtesy to other users.

(3) Yes.