

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(300) Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

What is the cost to the budget of the various legal processes engaged in by asylum seekers?

Answer:

In responding to this question, the words “legal processes” have been interpreted to include the cost to the budget of litigation.

The Department does not break down its expenditure on litigation by the type of claimant. Accordingly, detailed expenditure relating to the legal processes engaged in by asylum seekers is not available.