

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(329) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

For this and the past three financial years, what is the average per capita cost of keeping a person on Christmas Island?

Answer:

The Christmas Island immigration detention centre consists of a range of facilities of differing structure, location and capacity. Costs are not captured on a per person per day basis as each facility has different cost drivers where costs fluctuate depending on the number of people in that facility and the services that each individual person might consume.

The ongoing operating costs in respect of IMAs are regularly reviewed in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.