

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(331) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Joyce asked:

How many family members travelled from Christmas Island to the funerals? Please outline the range of transport options considered for the families and the cost components of each transport option.

Answer:

- a. Twenty one family members of SIEV 221 victims were transported from Christmas Island to attend the funerals in Sydney.

- b. The Department chose to charter an aircraft to relocate families for the funerals and, due to the distance involved and the number of people to be transported, did not consider any other options. The cost of the charter was \$314 900.