QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0005) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide a breakdown of the revised immigration figure published on page 44 of MYEFO in November last year.

Answer.

Increase in onshore processing costs by \$1.3 billion over four years

The November 2011 MYEFO announcement relates to an estimated increase in costs for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals. This increase is a result of current expected arrival rates compared to those published as part of the 2011-12 Budget. The Administered and Departmental appropriation funding components are as follows:

Description	\$'000
Administered appropriation funding (over four years)	1,036,918
Departmental appropriation funding (over four years)	259,230
Total	1,296,148

Decrease in onshore processing costs by \$1.1 billion over four years

The November 2011 MYEFO published estimates included not only DIAC costs but also Whole of Government financial estimates.