

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0020) Program : Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

How much has the Department paid in compensation to third parties and what for?

Answer:

We understand 'third party' to mean a party named in litigation as a result of a cross-claim. In the Department's litigation, ordinarily the Department or the Commonwealth is claiming a contribution from the third party, for example a detention service provider, towards a compensation payment to the plaintiff. According to the Department's records for the 2010-11 financial year and this financial year to 31 December 2011 there has been no compensation payment made to a third party.