

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0290) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

What is the current status of those crew members detained given the failure of recent court cases to convict them on people smuggling charges? What have those cases cost the Department?

Answer:

Where the prosecution of people smuggling charges against an alleged crew member is discontinued or the crew member is acquitted of charges, the crew member remains an unlawful non-citizen and liable for detention pending their removal.

It is not possible to disaggregate the cost to the Department for these court cases.