

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0296) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

Provide a complete breakdown of staff engaged by the Government, to perform immigration functions in each of our overseas posts? How much do these staff members cost? Are they paid by DIAC or DFAT?

Answer:

Table A provides a list of staff working at DIAC's overseas posts performing immigration functions as at 31 January 2012.

Staff costs for each of the overseas posts, is listed in Table A. Costs are based on actual costs from July to February 2012 and an estimate of the costs for the rest of 2011-12.

A-based and ALO costs include salaries and allowances.

LES costs include all employee costs.

A total cost is provided for the seven Senior Executive Service staff. These positions are located in Beijing, Dubai, Geneva, London, Jakarta, New Delhi and Washington.

A total cost is provided for the 20 ALO positions located overseas.

Payments made at post are made by DFAT (or Austrade at Auckland and Dubai) with funding provided by DIAC.

ALOs are generally paid onshore by DIAC as they are short term positions. Payments for some long term ALO positions and LES ALOs are made by DFAT on behalf of DIAC.