

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0340) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the value of IHMS contracts in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?

Answer:

The Department currently has two contracts with the detention health services provider, International Health and Medical Services (IHMS).

The *Health Services Contract*, which commenced on 14 January 2009 and is due to expire on 14 January 2014, covers the provision of health care services to people in immigration detention on mainland Australia.

The *Health Care Services Agreement*, which commenced on 29 September 2006 and is due to expire on 31 March 2012, covers the provision of health care services to people in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

After 31 March 2012, services for both the mainland and Christmas Island will be provided only under the *Health Services Contract*.

The combined value of the contracts is currently estimated at \$769.3m, comprising the estimated value of the *Health Services Contract* of \$679.8m and the estimated value of the *Health Care Services Agreement* of \$89.5m.

The value for each year is not identified in the contracts.

On 17 February 2012 the contract amounts on AusTender were updated to reflect the estimated expenditure.