

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0408) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Has a detainee from the Leonora centre been escorted to Perth to obtain orthotics or other podiatry services? What cost was involved including travel, accommodation and staff costs? Was air travel involved?

Answer:

Yes. A client travelled from Leonora APOD to Perth for fitting of specialist orthotics in March 2011. This treatment was recommended by health clinicians.

Serco advises that the airfares for the client and escorting staff totalled approximately \$1900. There were no accommodation costs as the round-trip occurred on the same day. A separate cost for the escort service is not available as this is included in an overall transport and escort fee.