

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0428) Program 4.3: Community Detention

Senator Cash asked:

How many more dwellings and/or accommodation places will need to be found and where in the next six month? 12 months? 24 months? At what cost and where does that appear in the budget?

Answer:

The answer to this question was provided during the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2012 (refer to Proof Committee Hansard – Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee – Estimates (Public) – Monday, 13 February 2012, Canberra, p86).

The cost of the community detention program is a component of Outcome 4.3 – Community and Detention Services. The anticipated accommodation costs cannot be reasonably estimated. This was also explained at the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2012 (*ibid*).