

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0002) PROGRAM – Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

Senator Cash (L&CA 6) asked:

In relation to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement, explain how the additional \$4.663 million announced on Graph 1.1 at page 114 will be applied.

Answer:

The \$4.663 million in the 2012-13 additional estimates was in relation to additional cases decided in 2011-12. The 2011-12 appropriations provided funding for the MRT-RRT to decide a total of 9065 cases in 2011-12. The MRT-RRT actually decided 10,815 cases in 2011-12 and the additional funding was provided in relation to the additional cases decided, and covered the costs incurred in deciding those additional cases. The expenditure and anticipated appropriation are reflected in the financial statements published in the MRT-RRT's 2011-12 Annual Report.