

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0204) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What was the total cost to the department of advice and assistance to IMAs to prepare their claims and pursue any appeals on their claims in between 2009-10 and 2012-13?

Answer:

The Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme (IAAAS) expenditure in respect of IMAs was as follows:

2009-10	\$8.8 million
2010-11	\$17.3 million
2011-12	\$18.9 million
2012-13	\$16.2 million*

*The 2012-13 figure is for the seven months ending 31 January 2013.