

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 May 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(75) Program : 4.3 Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Barnett (L&C 39) asked:

For this financial year provide the costs that apply to each of the categories that make up the administered expenses.

Answer:

Program 4.3 Offshore Asylum Seeker Management has three sub-programs, which are:

- (1) Community and Detention Services;
- (2) Management and Care of Irregular Immigrants in Indonesia; and
- (3) Regional Cooperation and Capacity Building.

The total administered expenses for this program for current financial year (2009-10) are estimated at \$183.291 million. The estimated administered expenses for each sub-program are detailed below.

(1) Community and Detention Services (\$149.412m): This funding is used to fund provision of a range of support, health and detention services in community and detention environments to offshore entry persons seeking asylum, such as;

- Costs of contracts with the Detention Service Provider
- Security and welfare of IMAs (detention facility management, escorting clients, medical care, interpreting services)
- Operational component of Capital works across the detention network
- Maintenance of infrastructure and utility costs
- Accommodation of IMAs onshore.

- (2) Management and Care of Irregular Immigrants in Indonesia (\$5.0m):** This funding is used to assist Indonesia in reducing the flow of irregular arrivals planning to come to Australia.
- (3) Regional Cooperation and Capacity Building (\$28.879m):** This funding is used to assist other Southeast Asian countries to better manage borders and reduce unregulated refugee movements.