

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0188) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (L&CA 49) asked:

What was the total amount expended in pursuing the now non-high priority East Timor regional processing centre and related activities? Provide a breakdown of the costs and the dates upon which they were incurred?

*Answer:*

The only costs for which the Department is responsible and able to advise on are the direct costs of travel, being for flights, accommodation and incidentals, incurred by the Department's senior officials, over 12-13 July 2010 and 11-13 October 2010, to investigate the prospects of establishing a regional processing centre in East Timor. The total amounts to \$6,584.80.