

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0454) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of running the Darwin facilities in the past financial year and what has been budgeted for the next financial year?

Answer:

The cost of running the Darwin facilities for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) in the 2010-11 financial year was \$120.4 million. This figure will be confirmed once the Department's financial statements have been finalised and signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.

The estimated cost of running the Darwin facilities for IMAs in the 2011-12 financial year is \$75.080 million.