

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0471) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How much is it costing to house IMAs in hotels on a monthly basis? How many remain in motels and hotels?

Answer:

The cost of accommodating Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) in Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) for the last financial year averaged \$2.7 million per month.

As at 30 June 2011, there were 296 IMAs accommodated in motel-style accommodation – 275 in the Darwin APOD (Airport Lodge) and 21 in the Perth APOD (Jandakot Chalet).