

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE11/0481) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to community detention, what has been the cost of running this facility in the past financial year and what has been budgeted for the next financial year?

*Answer:*

The community detention program places people in privately rented properties in the community. These properties are not detention facilities.

It is anticipated that the costs of the community detention program for the 2010-11 financial year will be \$15.734 million. This figure will be confirmed once the Department's financial statements have been finalised and signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.

There is not a specific budget for the community detention program for the 2011-12 financial year. The costs will depend on the number of people in community detention and their individual characteristics and needs.