

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0485) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 87-88) asked:

With reference to question 316 from the February 2011 estimates in relation to the family who were transferred to Sydney, would those costs be greater or smaller for static guards if the family were on Christmas Island?

Answer:

The family have not been under static guarding since April 2011. As such, the cost of accommodating the family at the Sydney Immigration Residential Housing facility is equivalent to accommodating them at any immigration detention facility suitable for accommodating families.