

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0586) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Barnett (L&CA 106) asked:

In relation to the \$129.971 million for a processing centre, how is that made up, what expenditure is there for staff, carers, food, water and power?

*Answer:*

The amount of funding in the budget is a provision for the potential costs of an offshore processing centre.

The estimate was derived utilising expenses previously incurred in the establishment of other facilities, whilst making allowance for the fact that the proposed facility was to be located offshore. Costs currently being incurred at facilities in the management and care of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) were also taken into consideration in determining the estimate.

At this point in time no formal arrangement has been entered into for any such facility. The detailed allocation of this funding will be settled once an arrangement has been finalised.