

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0611) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of running the Christmas Island facility in the past financial year?

Answer:

It is anticipated that the operational costs for Christmas Island for the 2010-11 financial year will be approximately \$260 million. This figure will be confirmed when the Department's 2010-11 financial statements are finalised and signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.