

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0639) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to concerns raised by Captain Bennett, the Our Airline charter pilot, what additional cost has been incurred as a result of the cancellation of this flight?

Answer:

This charter flight was not cancelled. The clients whose health checks had not yet been finalised were removed from the flight and the flight went ahead as scheduled.