QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0698) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA109) asked:

In relation to contract notice CN299855, which states that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship contracted Christmas Island Internet to provide internet connection for the period 24 May 2010 to 30 June 2011 at a cost of \$38,500. Please provide the cost of providing internet access to Christmas Island for the previous three financial years and who was responsible for providing the internet connection.

Answer.

The internet services were provided by the Christmas Island Internet Administration Ltd.

The costs for the previous three financial years are:

2010-2011 \$38 055 2009-2010 \$28 655 2008-2009 \$11 231