

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0398) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 40) asked:

With relation to AE12/0394, what is the breakdown by cost per provider?

Answer:

As advised in the department's response to AE 12/0394, in 2010-11 there were twenty-three contracted service providers under the IAAAS. They were paid a total of \$22.860 million. They are listed along with a breakdown of the expenditure at Attachment A.

Attachment A also gives a breakdown of the expenditure by service provider for the month of July 2011.

The twenty-three contracts expired on 31 July 2011 after a five year term (three years plus a two year extension) following a public tender in early 2006.

New contracts with twenty-two successful tenderers took effect from 1 August 2011 following a public tender in early 2011. The contracts are for a period of three years with provision for up to two, two year extensions at the Department's discretion. The twenty-two new providers are listed along with a breakdown of the amount invoiced from 1 August 2011 to 30 April 2012 at Attachment B.

IAAAS providers in 2010-11 and July 2011

Service Provider	State	Expenditure 2010-11 (\$'000)	Expenditure July 2011 (\$'000)
Craddock Murray Neumann	NSW	3,202	276
Immigration Advice & Rights Centre (IARC)	NSW	174	19
Illawarra Migration Services	NSW	10	1
Legal Aid Commission of NSW	NSW	221	27
Northern Settlement Services	NSW	71	4
Playfair Visa and Migration Services	NSW	4,010	2,964
Refugee Advice & Casework Services (RACS)	NSW	1,432	208
Florin Burhala & Associates	VIC	3,586	322
Migration Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne)	VIC	25	1
Refugee & Immigration Legal Centre (RILC)	VIC	1,331	30
Victoria Legal Aid	VIC	145	10
Vrachnas Lawyers	VIC	3,268	494
Refugee & Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)	QLD	223	9
Centre for Advocacy, Support and Education for Refugees	WA	296	22
Centrecare Inc	WA	113	13
Legal Aid WA	WA	478	95
Southern Communities Advocacy, Legal and Education Services	WA	124	5
Australian Migration Options	SA	2,898	1,826
Australian Refugee Association	SA	65	5
Legal Services Commission of South Australia	SA	146	20
Migrant Resource Centre (Northern Tasmania)	TAS	65	12
Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission	NT	33	7
Companion House	ACT	38	4
<i>Accrual amounts not available by provider</i>		906	0
Total		22,860	6,374

IAAAS providers current from 1 August 2011

Service Provider	State	Expenditure 1 Aug 2011 to 30 April 2012 (\$'000)
Craddock Murray Neumann	NSW	1,919
Immigration Advice & Rights Centre (IARC)	NSW	135
Fragomen	NSW	883
Legal Aid Commission of NSW	NSW	94
Malyon Andronicos Law Pty Ltd	NSW	507
Playfair Visa and Migration Services	NSW	1,461
Refugee Advice & Casework Services (RACS)	NSW	1,510
BMA Lawyers (formerly Florin Burhala & Associates)	VIC	2,755
Migration Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne)	VIC	16
Refugee & Immigration Legal Centre (RILC)	VIC	1,648
Sabelberg Morcos Lawyers	VIC	250
Vrachnas Lawyers	VIC	476
Orana Migration Group	VIC	32
Refugee & Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)	QLD	108
Centre for Advocacy, Support and Education for Refugees	WA	289
Centrecare Inc	WA	302
Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre	WA	18
Australian Migration Options	SA	1,313
Australian Refugee Association	SA	42
Legal Services Commission of South Australia	SA	85
Migrant Resource Centre (Northern Tasmania)	TAS	81
Companion House	ACT	49
Total		13,974