

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 & 28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0229) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How much has the government paid out in compensation to IMAs and for what reasons in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date?

*Answer:*

As at 31 May 2013, departmental records show that compensation has been paid to one IMA that arrived in August 2010. Details of that payment can not be provided as the settlement was confidential. All other compensation payments made to unauthorised boat arrivals in recent years were to people who arrived prior to 2010.