

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE13/0454) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of charter flights to transport asylum seekers overseas to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka, broken down by month in 2012-13 to date?

*Answer:*

As at 31 May 2013, the total cost of charter flights to transport asylum seekers overseas to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka for the 2012/13 financial year is \$12,917,036. The month by month breakdown of the cost of charter flights to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka is:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Nauru</b>	<b>Manus</b>	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<i>Jul</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Aug</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Sep</i>	\$ 1,077,050	\$ -	\$ 651,586	\$ 1,728,636
<i>Oct</i>	\$ 2,401,768	\$ -	\$ 153,218	\$ 2,554,986
<i>Nov</i>	\$ 162,075	\$ 491,232	\$ 1,856,269	\$ 2,509,576
<i>Dec</i>	\$ 159,940	\$ 922,303	\$ 845,259	\$ 1,927,502
<i>Jan</i>	\$ 598,874	\$ 270,976	\$ 251,918	\$ 1,121,768
<i>Feb</i>	\$ -	\$ 436,302	\$ -	\$ 436,302
<i>Mar</i>	\$ 322,245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322,245
<i>Apr</i>	\$ -	\$ 311,136	\$ 622,733	\$ 933,869
<i>May</i>	\$ 312,275	\$ 340,882	\$ 728,995	\$ 1,382,152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,034,227</b>	<b>\$ 2,772,831</b>	<b>\$ 5,109,978</b>	<b>\$ 12,917,036</b>