

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0455) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of domestic charter flights for asylum seekers, broken down by month in 2012-13 to date?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2013, the month by month breakdown of the cost of domestic charter flights for asylum seekers is:

| Month | Cost of Domestic Charter Flights |
|--------------|---|
| <i>Jul</i> | <i>\$4,317,299</i> |
| <i>Aug</i> | <i>\$7,055,948</i> |
| <i>Sep</i> | <i>\$6,576,101</i> |
| <i>Oct</i> | <i>\$10,013,719</i> |
| <i>Nov</i> | <i>\$7,155,137</i> |
| <i>Dec</i> | <i>\$6,336,183</i> |
| <i>Jan</i> | <i>\$4,724,628</i> |
| <i>Feb</i> | <i>\$3,511,608</i> |
| <i>Mar</i> | <i>\$7,522,317</i> |
| <i>Apr</i> | <i>\$8,397,256</i> |
| <i>May</i> | <i>\$7,225,583</i> |
| TOTAL | \$72,835,779 |