QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(138) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Nettle asked:

What do detainees actually get for the charge? Please provide a detailed list of services and items.

Answer:

Detainees are charged for the cost of their detention. This includes all services provided to the detainee during the period plus some of the administration costs where these cost relate directly to the care or operation of the detention facilities. These services include:

- food
- accommodation
- recreational activities
- educational activities
- clothing
- transport
- security and escorts

Medical services are provided but the cost is not passed at any stage to the detainee.