

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0297) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 51-52) asked:

What is the cost comparison between immigration and community detention? If they are not available, provide advice on when they are likely to be?

Answer:

As advised in previous responses to the committee, calculating the costs of community detention is highly complex.

We are still in the process of producing cost models for community detention. Once this modeling is complete we will provide the requested information to the committee.