

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0336) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Christmas Island: What has been the cost of operating Christmas Island detention facilities in 2010-2011 and the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs.

Answer:

- Total operating cost of detention on Christmas Island from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$253.56m.
- Total operating cost of detention on Christmas Island from 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 was \$82.62m.
- Both figures include:
 - Payment for services to Serco
 - Departmental staff costs and
 - Departmental operating costs.