

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE11/0357) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

Scherger air force base: What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Scherger, in 2010-2011 and the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair costs.

*Answer:*

- Total operating cost of detention at Scherger from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$49.91m.
- Total operating cost of detention at Scherger from 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 was \$36.32m.
- Both figures include:
  - Payment for services to Serco
  - Departmental staff costs and
  - Departmental operating costs.
- Capital costs at Scherger from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was \$4.64m and from 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 the cost was \$0.10m.