

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0343) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 118) asked:

In relation to a question 61, asked on 19 October 2010: What is the range of payments reported to be made by IMAs to the people smugglers? Provide an update.

October 2012 Answer:

Based on data obtained through the entry interviews of IMAs in the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012, the range of amounts IMAs paid to people smugglers were:

30% paid between \$0 and \$5000
46% paid between \$5000 and \$10,000
16% paid between \$10,000 and \$15,000
8% paid \$15000 or more.