

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0533) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Onshore arrangements - Community Detention: What was the budget for household formation packages in 2011-12? What has been budgeted for those packages in 2012-13? Have any items in those packages had to be replaced when asylum seekers leave that accommodation? Why – is that as a result of damage or theft? At what cost?

Answer:

The cost of household formation packages for 2011-12 was \$6.98 million.

The community detention program is demand driven and therefore the costs of the household formation packages for the 2012-13 financial year will be determined by the number and composition of clients placed in the program.

Clients may take items of household linen (sheets, towels) with them when they depart a community detention property. These items are replaced in preparation for new clients. Other items are replaced on an as needs basis.

Captured financial data for the community detention program does not break down to the level of items replaced in household formation packages. The cost is included in the household formation package line item.