Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

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QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken

QoN 006 – Public Hearing 30 July 2021 Topic: Quarantine costs Howard Springs

Senator Katy Gallagher

Question

CHAIR: Sorry to just jump in there, Senator Lambie, but, Mr Sheehan, what is the cost of quarantine at Howard Springs? That might have been your next question, Senator Lambie. My apologies.

Mr Sheehan: I don't have the cost for an arriving Australian in Howard Springs, but I'm sure we can get that information. I'll take it on notice for now, but we may be able to get it from Health. I think we'll find it's fairly similar to other quarantine costs, but we'll get it from—

CHAIR: So around \$3,000 per week per adult?

Mr Sheehan: I think the right thing to do is take it on notice and get it from Health.

Answer

The Northern Territory government has set quarantine fees for an individual entering mandatory supervised quarantine at \$2,500 for 14 days. A family rate of \$5,000 applies for family groups of two or more people in shared accommodation for the 14 day period. There is no charge for infants under 2 years old.

Further information is available on the Northern Territory coronavirus website Mandatory supervised quarantine | Coronavirus (COVID-19).