

**Question on notice no. 427**

**Portfolio question number: BE21-427**

**2021-22 Budget estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 11 June 2021—

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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
BUDGET ESTIMATES  
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**Program 1.5: Regional Cooperation**

**BE21-427 - MOUs with PNG and Nauru - Cost**

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*Answer:*

The following tables detail the cost of regional processing in Nauru and Papua New Guinea (PNG) under respective memoranda of understanding and against Nauru and PNG cost centres since FY2012-13 to current:

|  | 2012-13<br>\$'m | 2013-14<br>\$'m | 2014-15<br>\$'m | 2015-16<br>\$'m | 2016-17<br>\$'m | 2017-18<br>\$'m | 2018-19<br>\$'m | 2019-20<br>\$'m | 2020-21<br>YTD 31 March<br>\$'m |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Program 2.4 - IMA Offshore Management Total Costs for PNG and Nauru</b> | <b>358.8</b>    | <b>1,306.9</b>  | <b>1,313.2</b>  | <b>1,138.9</b>  | <b>990.4</b>    | <b>1,037.6</b>  | <b>939.3</b>    | <b>815.1</b>    | <b>454.3</b>                    |
| Program 2.4 Administered Total PNG & Nauru                                 | 204.9           | 862.9           | 924.3           | 947.7           | 905.6           | 1,004.5         | 917.4           | 795.5           | 444.2                           |
| Program 2.4 Departmental Total PNG & Nauru                                 | 14.5            | 52.7            | 54.8            | 51.6            | 20.2            | 17.9            | 15.3            | 14.4            | 5.8                             |
| Program 2.4 Capital Total PNG & Nauru                                      | 139.4           | 391.4           | 334.1           | 139.5           | 64.6            | 15.3            | 6.6             | 5.2             | 4.3                             |
| <b>Program 2.4 - PNG Total Cost</b>  | <b>75.9</b>     | <b>622.6</b>    | <b>772.1</b>    | <b>524.3</b>    | <b>452.1</b>    | <b>515.9</b>    | <b>427.7</b>    | <b>268.1</b>    | <b>57.5</b>                     |
| PNG Administered Total   | 65.1            | 411.6           | 480.8           | 476.1           | 432.5           | 498.6           | 422.9           | 264.7           | 55.7                            |
| PNG Departmental Total   | 4.0             | 26.7            | 24.1            | 20.8            | 5.6             | 4.0             | 4.1             | 3.4             | 1.9                             |
| PNG Capital Total  | 6.8             | 184.3           | 267.3           | 27.5            | 14.0            | 13.3            | 0.7             | (0.0)           | -                               |
| <b>Program 2.4 - Nauru Total Cost</b>                                      | <b>282.9</b>    | <b>684.4</b>    | <b>541.1</b>    | <b>614.6</b>    | <b>538.3</b>    | <b>521.8</b>    | <b>511.6</b>    | <b>547.0</b>    | <b>396.8</b>                    |
| Nauru Administered Total   | 139.8           | 451.3           | 443.6           | 471.7           | 473.1           | 505.9           | 494.5           | 530.8           | 388.5                           |
| Nauru Departmental Total   | 10.5            | 26.0            | 30.7            | 30.8            | 14.6            | 13.9            | 11.2            | 11.0            | 4.0                             |
| Nauru Capital Total  | 132.6           | 207.1           | 66.8            | 112.1           | 50.5            | 2.0             | 5.9             | 5.2             | 4.3                             |