

Question on notice no. 459

Portfolio question number: BE21-459

2021-22 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 11 June 2021—

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- c. How many men, in how many rooms, are now being held at The Park Hotel Melbourne APOD since the transfer of detainees from the Kangaroo Point Central Hotel and Apartments APOD?
- d. What is the cost, per person per week, of keeping Medevac refugees in The Park Hotel Melbourne APOD?
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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

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Answer:

There is a Service Level Agreement (the Agreement) in place between Serco and the owners of The Park Hotel Melbourne (Melbourne APOD).

- a. The Department has seen the Agreement for the Melbourne APOD and is aware of the Terms and Conditions.
- b. The Agreement expires on 31 December 2021.
- c. As at 15 June 2021, (date when Department received this QoN) there were 36 detainees accommodated in 24 rooms at the Melbourne APOD
- d. The average weekly cost of maintaining a capability at the Park Hotel APOD is estimated to be \$0.394 million. Not all detainees accommodated at the Park Hotel Melbourne are medevac refugees. The Melbourne APOD can accommodate 184 detainees at a maximum (subject to bed configurations, risk profiles, gender etc).
 - (i) The average weekly costs prior to the transfer of detainees from the Kangaroo Point Central Hotel and Apartments was \$0.394 million per week from 01 January to 31 March 2021. The average weekly costs post the transfer of detainees from the Kangaroo Point Central Hotel and Apartments is estimated to be \$0.454 million between 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021. Not all detainees accommodated at the Park Hotel Melbourne are medevac refugees