

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/065) PROGRAMME – 2.3 and 2.4: Regional Cooperation

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 24) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Have there been any legal costs paid towards any of the proceedings in Nauru?

Mr Bowles: Yes, I believe there have. We can take the amounts on notice as well.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: We are here until the end of tonight. Could you endeavour to get those?

Mr Bowles: We will endeavour to get those and see what we can do, but some of these we do not necessarily break out of the total costs. We will see what we can do. If not, we will endeavour to do it on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Government has agreed to assist the Government of Nauru in relation to transferees facing charges arising from the events at the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre on 19 July 2013. To 31 May 2014, the government has provided financial support in the sum of 26 587.63 AUD to meet defence and prosecution legal costs relating to transferees charged with offences arising from the events of 19 July 2013.