

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/264) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Onshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the breakdown of costs associated with current and future voluntary and involuntary returns?

Answer:

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) works in partnership with the Australian Government to provide returns services to those non-citizens who want to voluntarily return from the Australian mainland and Christmas Island but require assistance to do so. These services consist of Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR), Reintegration Assistance (RA) and Post Arrival Reintegration Assistance (PARA), for those leaving from detention.

IOM staff and office costs for provision of AVR and RA onshore services at 31 May 2014 was \$1.7m.

For delivery of RA services in the country of return IOM charge a Service Delivery Fee (SDF) for each client.

Average individual costs for the four highest return countries are shown in the following table:

Return Country	Airfare/Return Costs	RA	SDF	Total
Iran	\$1,431	\$3,300	\$1,300	\$6,031
Iraq	\$1,606	\$4,000	\$1,300	\$6,906
Sri Lanka	\$1,175	\$3,300	\$1,300	\$5,775
Vietnam	\$1,095	\$3,300	\$750	\$5,145