

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/288) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

There is another contract that was for the period between 29 September 2012 and June 2013 for a sum of \$628,000 – which was then revised to cover the period 3 September 2012 – August 2013 and the cost revised to be \$4.5 million.

a. Please explain the significant increase?

*Answer:*

The contract referred to is for staff accommodation at the Menen Hotel that had an initial contract value of \$628 000 which was published on Austender on 5 October 2012. The current contract value of \$5 846 780, which was published on Austender on 21 March 2014, is for an extended contract period to September 2014 and reflects the estimated costs of fluctuating accommodation requirements for staff.