

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/312) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The ABC reported on 22 Jan 2104 that Nauru ‘does not have a local supply of food or water adequate for its own people’.

- a. What is the capacity of the water supply system at the Regional Processing Centre? What is the maximum number of people can it supply?
- b. What is the current water demand in terms of kL/day?
- c. What is the current arrangement between the Australian and Nauru Governments for the provision of water to the Regional Processing Centre?
- d. Is there a formal agreement guaranteeing the supply of water from Nauru Utilities Authority?

Answer:

- a. Water is currently produced via reverse osmosis water production units. This water supply is sufficient for the capacity of the centres.
- b. 365kL/day.
- c. Water is produced and stored by the Nauruan government and delivered to centres by the department’s service provider.
- d. Yes.