

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/313) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The UNHCR monitoring visit to the Republic of Nauru 7 to 9 October 2013 report states that 'UNHCR was informed that water is trucked to the RPC daily'.

- a. Is this statement accurate?
- b. If so, how much of the total water supply is trucked in daily?
- c. Who is responsible for its provision?
- d. At what cost?
- e. Is the water that is trucked in solely used for drinking purposes or is it for general use as well? i.e bathing/washing/toilets
- f. Since February 25 2014, has there been a case where one or more of the facilities have been out of action?

*Answer:*

- a. Yes.
- b. 100 per cent.
- c. Transfield Services Limited.
- d. The water supply cost is included in the overall garrison service delivery fee and is not separately itemised in the contract.
- e. The trucked water is used for bathing, washing and toilets.
- f. Since 25 February 2014 there have been various interruptions to water supply facilities, principally due to intermittent breakdowns of equipment.