

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/393) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What is the daily cost to detain a person in an offshore detention centre? Please detail costs for the Nauru Detention Centre, Manus Island Detention Centre.

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection does not undertake specific individual cost analysis for transferees in the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre or the Manus Offshore Processing Centre.

The budget for Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) is developed using a demand driven financial model based on IMA arrivals, average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year, processing capacity, and the number of IMAs returned, removed or resettled. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed as part of the regular Budget process.