

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/395) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Please detail exactly where the \$2.5 Billion in ‘savings’ to Immigration and Border Protection have come from.

Answer:

The savings have been realised through lower boat arrivals for the 2013-14 financial year, and lower forecasted illegal maritime arrivals across the budget estimates. This cost reduction within both the onshore and offshore network is a result of the decrease in the number of detention facilities required and associated service provider costs, as well as reduced departmental processing and support costs.