

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

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

##### **(SE14/022) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator O’Sullivan (L&CA 54) asked:

Senator O’SULLIVAN: I just want to go back to a question that my colleague asked in relation to Nauru, Manus Island and Malaysia, with respect to the costings that had been done at the time that we are said to have made commitments to those policy settings. I am interested if you could broaden the information out to the point where we committed to that policy position, rather than having made some legal engaged physical financial commitment. There are hard markers in time where it was clear that our government on the day was committed to an initiative. I am interested in the costings as at that moment to the extent that they had been done, if at all. I assume that is another question to be taken on notice unless you know whether policy commitments were made without a proper due costing process.

[...]

Mr Cormack: We will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

Costings were undertaken prior to the announcement of the Regional Resettlement Arrangements. The Department has in place a demand driven funding model for the management of illegal maritime arrival (IMAs), including offshore management arrangements. This funding model is used to calculate the estimated impacts relating to the overall management of IMAs, including the funding requirements for costs of contract providers, and is updated on a regular basis for changes to cost drivers such as policy adjustments or detention occupancy.