

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/071) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How much does it cost to run Christmas Island?

- a. Could the department please provide a breakdown of those costs by day/week/month/year?
- b. Could the department please provide a breakdown of these costs by resources? i.e.. how much is spent on healthcare and services? How much spent on food services and supplies?

Answer:

- a. The cost of operating the detention facility at Christmas Island for the 2013/14 financial year was \$317.692 million. Providing a further breakdown would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b. \$54.435 million was spent on health care services and \$199.503 million was spent on garrison and welfare services, which includes food and supplies. The remaining expenditure related to other functions including facilities maintenance, information technology and staffing costs.