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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

Identify and list the most significant fixed costs and most significant variable costs in the funding model for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

**Answer:**

Significant fixed costs in the model used to estimate Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) costs comprise:

- a. contractual commitments for a range of functions including health care, detention, sustenance and accommodation for IMAs in various forms of detention; and
- b. departmental costs for service delivery and program advice and policy design as published in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's portfolio budget and additional estimates statements.

Significant variable costs in the model used to estimate IMA costs comprise:

- a. volume-based escort and transportation costs to move IMAs into, within and out of the immigration detention network;
- b. volume-based payments to the contracted health services providers;
- c. volume-based payments to contracted IMA service providers; and
- d. volume-based departmental costs based on the total number of IMAs under management.