

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

### **(29) Output 1.6: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Nettle (L&CA 97) asked:

There used to be a table that we got as part of questions on notice—I think Senator Ludwig used to ask for it—about the cost of processing detainees at the different detention centres. Is it possible to get an update of that table?

*Answer:*

The cost of processing asylum seekers in Nauru and Manus Province, PNG, from 2001 to 31 December 2007 was \$305 million, including departmental costs in Australia.

The costs, in millions of dollars for each centre by years are contained in the following table:

CENTRE	YEAR							TOTAL
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	1 Jul 07 - 31 Dec 07	
NAURU	48.5	45.0	33.6	34.4	26.4	29.7	15.4	233
MANUS	29.4	20.6	6.2	1.8	2.4	1.4	0.4	62.2
NATIONAL OFFICE CO-ORD	2.4	2.3	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.3	9.8
TOTAL	80.3	67.9	41.3	37.5	29.8	32.1	16.1	305