

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0082) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 89) asked:

Has Australia offered either any monetary assistance or any legal assistance to the Papua New Guinea government in relation to the pending legal case in Manus Island?

Answer:

Yes. In accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the governments of Australia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Papua New Guinea and related issues, the Australian Government will bear all direct costs arising out of implementation of the MOU.