

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0202) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the value of the contract the government has with the Salvation Army to provide services on Nauru and Manus Island? For how long? What happens after that date? How long does the government anticipate that the Salvation Army will be required to provide these services to people on Nauru? Where is this reflected in the forward estimates?

Answer:

The total maximum value of the contract with The Salvation Army is \$74.9m.

The contract commenced on 1 February 2013 for a period of 12 months.

The Salvation Army will provide services for the duration of the contract period. The Department will make necessary arrangements for the provision of services prior to the end of the contract period.

The contract cost is a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs).

This is reflected on page 51 of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2012-13.