

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/059) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Madigan (L&CA 88) asked:

Senator MADIGAN: I appreciate that, Mr Bowles. Could you take it on notice then to give us an average cost on offshore detention on, say, Manus Island and Nauru, and what the average cost is for onshore detention and community detention. So could you take that on notice?

Mr Bowles: I can take that on notice.

Answer:

As at the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2013-14 the Department of Immigration and Border Protection has been appropriated \$1.6 billion for offshore processing for 2013-14 and \$2.4 billion for onshore detention. Given we are not talking about a static population the department does not develop averages.