

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/176) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How much of the \$2.0 billion will be used to increase the capacity of the Offshore Processing Centres (OPC)?

How much will be spent on expanding the facility Manus Island?

What will the new capacity be for Manus Island after the expansion?

How many permanent buildings will be constructed?

What is the timeline for this expansion?

Has construction started?

If not, when will construction begin?

Are there any plans to include recreational, social, education, and cultural facilities in the centre?

How much will be spent on expanding facility on Nauru?

What will the new capacity be for Nauru?

What is the timeline for this expansion?

Has construction started?

If not, when will construction begin?

Are there any plans to include recreational, social, educational, and cultural facilities in the centre?

How much of the \$2.0 billion will be spent on cooperation with the Government of PNG?

What is the breakdown of this proportion?

How much will be spent on the implementation of refugee status determination processes?

How much will be spent on the implementation of resettlement services?

How much will be spent on returning persons not found to be Convention refugees?

How much of the \$2.0 billion will be spent on cooperation with the Government of Nauru?

What is the breakdown of this proportion?

How much will be spent on the implementation of refugee status determination processes?

How much will be spent on the implementation of resettlement services?

How much will be spent on returning persons not found to be Convention refugees?

*Answer:*

Of the \$2 billion announced by the Government for offshore processing over the period 2012-2016, approximately \$1 billion will be used to increase the capacity of Offshore Processing Centres (OPCs) in Nauru and Manus.

- Approximately \$620 million was allocated to Manus for the expansion of OPC operations including recreational, social, educational, cultural and medical facilities. Construction has begun in Manus and is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.
- Approximately \$390 million was allocated to the expansion to Nauru OPC operations including recreational, social, educational, cultural and medical facilities. Construction for the expansion works in Nauru commenced in September 2013 and all works were completed on 24 December 2013.

Of the \$2 billion announced by the Government for offshore processing over the period 2012-2016:

- Approximately \$15 million was allocated to costs associated with the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru which will include things such as government charges, lease costs and visa charges.
- Approximately \$690 million was allocated to the costs of supporting status determination, returns and resettlement of refugees.

The remaining funds relate to non-facility related support services, including garrison, welfare and health.