

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/060) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Madigan (L&CA 88) asked:

Senator MADIGAN: Keeping in mind that there are different opinions out in the community where people tout figures as to what it costs to keep people in detention—onshore, community detention, offshore detention. Somewhere these figures are coming from, and there needs to be some clarity in the community. Would you also be able to take on notice—or you may be able to tell me: how much does the government pay Serco each year? What sort of figure are we looking at for the contract there?

Mr Bowles: I can take that on notice—we would have a contract value over multiple years, is probably the easiest way to explain that, but, again, it is a lot of money—unless someone can give it to me quickly.

Answer:

The department currently has two contracts with Serco Immigration Services Australia to provide services at onshore immigration detention facilities.

The current values for these contracts, as reported on AusTender, are \$2.986bn and \$230.7m. The current term of these contracts is 29 June 2009 to 10 December 2014 and 11 December 2009 to 10 December 2014 respectively.