

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 May 2004**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(81) Output 1.4: Safe Haven**

Senator Bartlett (L&C 72) asked:

In relation to the subclass 449 humanitarian stay temporary visa holders, (a) provide the end dates and (b) how many times have the visas for the Ambonese been renewed?

*Answer:*

(a) Eight subclass 449 humanitarian stay temporary visas will cease in August 2004.

Fourteen subclass 449 humanitarian stay temporary visas will cease in September 2005.

(b) The subclass 449 visas held by the Ambonese have been extended on 9 occasions

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**(82) Output 1.5: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Kirk (L&C 76) asked:

At the last Estimates you advised that IOM received \$120 million of the \$170 million spent on the Pacific Solution. Can you update that figure? Has it changed?

*Answer:*

At the February 2004 Estimates, DIMIA advised that since the introduction of the Pacific Strategy the total payments made to IOM were, to the end of December 2003, about \$122 million. Payments made to IOM to 31 May 2004 were about \$132 Million.

A breakdown of payments made to IOM (September 2001 through 31 May 2004) is as follows:

	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04 (to end May 2004)</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Manus	21.04	16.81	5.92	43.77
Nauru	34.59	32.86	21.26	88.71
Total	55.63	49.67	27.18	132.48

For the period September 2001 through May 2004 the total direct costs of operating the Manus and Nauru OPCs, including IOM costs, was about \$186 million.

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#### (83) Output 1.5: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Ludwig asked:

Can you provide the cost of detention per day per detainee on Nauru? Please provide this figure for each month of the 2003-2004 financial year.

*Answer:*

Per capita costs for asylum seekers accommodated in offshore processing centres are not calculated. This is because offshore processing centres are kept in a state of readiness and, therefore, changes in the number of residents may not necessarily impact on costs. Offshore costs also include capital expenditure. This arrangement differs from the costing structures that apply to onshore detention facilities where occupancy levels are the major determinant of costs.

The monthly costs, July to May 2003-04, for Nauru are as follows:

<b>Monthly Costs of Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC)</b>			
<b>July to May 2003-04</b>			
	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Departmental</b>	<b>Total</b>
July	3,022,649	(220,607)	2,802,042
August	3,506,274	92,456	3,598,730
September	1,370,483	206,562	1,577,045
October	4,877,388	115,881	4,993,269
November	1,513,982	112,185	1,626,167
December	2,617,933	29,738	2,647,671
January	3,874,727	63,896	3,938,623
February	3,304,341	79,259	3,383,600
March	2,336,689	70,042	2,406,731
April	1,745,276	91,228	1,836,504
May	1,581,630	104,291	1,685,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,751,372</b>	<b>744,931</b>	<b>30,496,303</b>

The \$30.5 million in direct costs incurred in operating the Nauru OPC (1 July to 31 May 2004) included \$21.3 million in payments made to IOM.

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**(84) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Ludwig (L&C 8) asked:

Provide a copy of the evaluation of the Cultural Orientation Pre-embarkation Pilot.

*Answer:*

The report of the Cultural Orientation Pre-embarkation Pilot is under consideration. No decision has yet been made on its release.

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#### (85) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senators Kirk and Ludwig (L&C 81 & 89) asked:

Provide a further breakdown of figures in table 2.1.2.2 on page 117 of the PBS, including the allocation of funds under Community Programs to the CSSS and the MRC/MSA network.

*Answer:*

A detailed breakdown of the output group 2.1, which are summarised in table 2.1.2.2 of the portfolio budget statements, is provided in the table below.

Output	Estimated actual 2003-04 \$'000	Re-base of output attribution \$'000	Economic parameters \$'000	Budget Measures		Activity Growth \$'000	Transfers \$'000	Other \$'000	Budget estimate 2004-05 \$'000
				2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000				
2.1.1	10,713	(1,280)	143	-	741	-	-	53	10,369
2.1.2	29,690	(3,548)	396	-	21,276	-	-	146	47,960
2.1.3	10,679	(1,276)	143	-	368	-	-	53	9,966
2.1.4	8,408	(1,005)	112	-	396	-	-	41	7,952
2.1.5	10,120	(1,209)	135	-	141	-	-	50	9,236
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>69,609</b>	<b>(8,319)</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,922</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>85,484</b>
2.2.1	0	(0)	0	-	(0)	-	-	(0)	(0)
2.2.2	(18,024)	21,709	45	-	(1,214)	-	-	11	2,527
2.2.3	27,722	(33,390)	(69)	-	2,025	-	-	(17)	(3,729)
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>9,698</b>	<b>(11,681)</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(1,203)</b>
2.3.1	17,836	3,284	255	-	1,187	(120)	-	157	22,599
2.3.2	2,990	550	43	-	129	(20)	-	25	3,717
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>20,826</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>(140)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>26,316</b>
2.4	13,036	(3,076)	120	-	198	-	-	68	10,346
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>13,036</b>	<b>(3,076)</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>10,346</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,169</b>	<b>(19,242)</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,246</b>	<b>(140)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>120,943</b>

DIMIA does not maintain its funding projections for grants for migrant community services to the CSSS and MRC/MSA network at disaggregated levels. The Department maintains funding for these programs at levels consistent with that of previous program years' funding. The actual distribution between programs is dependent on applications received through annual grants rounds.

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### **(86) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Kirk (L&C 82) asked:

What is the current process for requiring settlers in the skilled family and humanitarian streams to advise DIMIA of their intended place of residence in Australia?

*Answer:*

For the General Skilled Migration categories (visa sub-classes 136, 137, 138, 139, 861, 862, 863, 880, 881, 882), the employer sponsored categories (visa sub-classes 119, 120, 121, 855, 856 and 857), and the Distinguished Talent category (visa sub-classes 124 and 858), offshore applicants are required to advise the name of the State/Territory in which they intend to live.

For onshore applicants under the above categories, applicants are required to provide their current residential address in Australia.

For the Business Skills categories (visa sub-classes 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 890, 891, 892 and 893) applicants sign a declaration that they will advise the Department of their residential addresses in Australia and of any subsequent changes in their residential addresses.

In respect of the Humanitarian Program (visa sub-classes 200, 201, 203 and 204), applicants are not required to provide advice of their intended place of residence in Australia.

Under the Special Humanitarian component of the Humanitarian Program (visa sub-class 202), proposed entrants are sponsored by Australian residents who are required to provide their residential address to the Department as part of the application process.

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**(87) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Kirk (L&C 85) asked:

In relation to the Settlement Services Review, provide a copy of the recommendations of the task force.

*Answer:*

The Government will not be releasing the recommendations of the Taskforce.