

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle asked:

How much does a charter flight cost to Nauru? How much has DIMA paid for past charter flights?

Answer:

Charter flight costs can vary depending upon the type of aircraft available. A small jet with up to seven seats can cost approximately \$60,000 for a return trip to Nauru and a larger aircraft can cost \$120,000 for a return trip. DIMA has paid some \$60,000 in the past for a small jet charter flight to Nauru and return, and around \$112,000 for a larger jet.