

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle asked:

The Budget media release states that it will save \$33.8 million over four years. How was this saving calculated?

Answer:

The savings were calculated from the estimated saving in management and security costs associated with operating one centre versus two centres on Nauru, with an allowance for remediation and consolidation costs in the first year. Total costs are being restructured in the light of the reactivation of the centre.