

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Nettle asked:

1. Given Nauru has serious problems with power generation, how will power be made available for the centre?
2. What is the estimated cost of importing the generators and ongoing cost of fuel for the generators if the centre is at full capacity?

*Answer:*

1. The OPC has its own generators to supply power making it independent of the Nauru power system.
2. The power generators are already located on Nauru and do not have to be imported. The cost of fuel for the generators will be determined by the final configuration of the OPC.