

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(169) Output 1.6: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Please provide a timeline of costs associated with the Nauru immigration processing facility since its inception.
2. What has been the annual cost of maintaining the Nauru facility since its inception, per year and total?
3. What is the average monthly cost to currently maintain the facility?
4. What has been the total cost of processing asylum seekers on Nauru since the inception of the facility; including transfers, staffing, administration, security, health care and all relevant contractors and consultants associated with the processing centre and asylum seekers on Nauru (as a cost to Government)?

Answer:

Costs exclusively associated with the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) are set out in Table A. Some of the costs set out in Table B are associated with the Nauru OPC but cannot be separated from costs associated with the PNG (Manus) OPC.

Table A	Costs of Maintaining the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) (\$million)						
Financial Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-31/05/07	TOTAL
Annual	48.5	45.0	33.6	34.4	26.4	24.3	212.2
Monthly Average	4.0	3.8	2.8	2.9	2.2	2.0	

Table B	Departmental Costs of Administering All OPCs – Nauru and PNG – (\$million)						
Financial Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-31/05/07	TOTAL
Annual	7.8	2.3	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.9	14.8
Monthly Average	0.65	0.19	0.13	0.11	0.08	0.08	