

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Nettle (L&CA 118) asked:

What does it cost to maintain the new Christmas Island IDC if nobody is in it?

Answer:

The cost of keeping Christmas Island IDC ready for use is about \$27 million annually which includes the depreciation cost of \$18.0 million. The remaining costs involve security services of \$1.3 million, maintenance services of \$4.8 million, land rates and charges of \$0.5 million, and utilities costs of \$2.4 million.