

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0222) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What is the value of the Transfield contract to provide services on Nauru? How long does the government anticipate that Transfield will be required to provide these services to people on Nauru? Where is this reflected in the forward estimates?

Answer:

The total maximum value of the contract with Transfield Services Australia, a contract from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014, is valued at \$184.3 million for operational and maintenance services on Nauru.

Transfield will provide services for the duration of the contract period.

Forward costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs). The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Please see Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14, pp.54-55.