

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0442) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What are the capital and running costs for 2012-13 and the out-years in the forward estimates for the processing centres on Nauru and Manus?

Answer:

Estimated capital expenditure for the construction of the permanent Regional Processing Centre at Nauru is \$284.099 million. The expenditure will be incurred over two financial years, 2012–13 and 2013–14.

Estimated capital expenditure for the construction of the permanent Regional Processing Centre on Manus Island is \$171.686 million. The expenditure will be incurred over two financial years, 2012–13 and 2013–14.

There is no specific budget allocated for the operational requirements of either centre in the forward estimates. These costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals.

The budget for Irregular Maritime Arrivals is developed using a financial estimates model based on arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.