

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0462) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What airline has been contracted to move freight to Nauru and Manus for the establishment of the centres? What is this contract worth? Have any other airlines been contracted to provide other transport services? What are they and what is the cost? On what basis were these airlines given those contracts? How did the department establish value for money?

Answer:

Garrison service providers (G4S on Manus Island and Transfield on Nauru) have been contracted to undertake, amongst other things, procurement and logistics functions at Regional Processing Centres (RPCs). These service providers source specialist airline freight providers as required. The Department seeks assurance that value for money assessments have been completed prior to approving expenditure.

At the commencement of operations, a combination of Australian Defence Force aircraft and civilian chartered aircraft were utilised for air freight to both RPCs. Since then, the service providers have established logistics and supply chain capacity.

On Manus Island, G4S has engaged Adagold, an air charter broker, for the provision of airfreight requirements since November 2012. The provision of freight services forms part of the broader scope of services contracted with G4S. Total expenditure for freight services to Manus RPC for the period from commencement of services to 31 May 2013 was \$4,880,550 (excluding GST).

On Nauru, Transfield has engaged AERgO, Rainbow, DHL and Aircraft Loaders and Packers for the provision of air freight services. The provision of freight services forms part of the broader scope of services contracted with Transfield. Total expenditure for freight services to Nauru RPC for the period from commencement of services to 31 May 2013 was \$14,895,871 (excluding GST).