

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0187) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Australian regional processing visa: What is the expected total cost to the Government? Has this extra cost been factored into the MYEFO? If not, where will the funding come from?

Answer:

Estimates in respect of the operational costs of Nauru and Manus Island, Papua New Guinea of which regional processing visas are one component, have not yet been finalised for the 2012-13 financial year and forward years.

These will be agreed as part of the 2012-13 Additional Estimates process.