

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0517) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (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:

Nauru

The department used the Air Transport panel when sourcing charter aircraft. The panel was formed through an open tender process run by the Department of Defence. Procurement through this panel is in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs).

Our Airline and AERgO International were invited under limited tender and in compliance with Division 1 and 2 of the CPRs, to tender for the provision of freight services to Nauru.

Total expenditure for freight services to Nauru RPC for the period from commencement of services to 30 September 2012 was \$1,104,644 (excl. GST).

Manus Island

As at 30 September 2012, no airline had freighted goods to the Manus RPC.