

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0652) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Manus: What has the Australian government promised to provide PNG in addition to the construction of the processing centres? Are there arrangements to increase our Ausaid commitments? Is there a commitment to build schools, hospitals, medical centres, desalination plants electricity generators etc.? If so at what cost and where would that appear in the budget?

Answer:

As per Clause 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Government of Australia, relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Papua New Guinea, and related issues (the MOU), the Government of Australia will bear all agreed direct costs arising from the implementation of the MOU.

Questions regarding AusAID commitments should be directed to AusAID.