

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0135) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

What is the current cost of detention per detainee per day: (a) In immigration detention facilities on mainland facilities? (b) In immigration detention on Nauru and Manus Island? (c) In alternative places of detention? Please provide a breakdown per alternation place of detention. (d) In the community under a residence determination? (e) How many doctors are available to detainees in Manus Island and Nauru at any one time?

Answer:

(a) – (c) What is the current cost of detention per detainee per day in immigration detention facilities on the mainland (including Alternative Places of Detention) and in immigration detention on Nauru and Manus Island?

The budget for Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA 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 IMA arrival rates, the IMA cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.

The department does not undertake detailed cost analysis of individual detainees in immigration detention facilities on the mainland (including Alternative Places of Detention) and in Offshore Processing Centres on Nauru and Manus Island.

The budget for the detention of IMAS is included in the 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements. Additional funding provided for detention since the 2013-14 Budget has been published in the 2013-14 mid-year Economic Fiscal Outlook.

(d) What is the current cost of detention per detainee per day in the community under a residence determination?

The individual per person breakdown of community detention detainees cannot be reasonably estimated due to dynamic factors such as the overall number of detainees, the makeup of cohorts, the variability of costs by location and individual detainee needs.

(e) How many doctors are available to detainees in Manus Island and Nauru at any one time?

As at 14 November 2013, there were six doctors servicing each of the Offshore Processing Centres on Manus Island and Nauru.