

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/144) - Nauru - Programme 3.5 Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management (Administered)

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

What is the current per person cost of visas for asylum seekers and refugees on Nauru? How much has the Government paid for asylum seeker and refugee visas since the camp was reopened?

What is the current per person cost of staff visas on Nauru? How much has the Government paid for staff visas since the camp was reopened?

Answer:

The current cost for visas for transferees and refugees in Nauru is \$1,000 per month per person. An amount of \$27,893,633 has been paid to 30 March for transferee visas (paid quarterly) and an amount of \$1,008,000 to 23 February 2015 for refugee visas.

There are no visa charges imposed for department staff travelling on official business.