

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0663) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

How much money is intended to be spent on improving the facilities on Manus Island, providing mosquito nets, and supplying universal medical prophylaxis and healthcare with informed consent to detainees?

Answer:

Between 1 July 2012 and 31 October 2012 there has been \$3.65M spent on improving the facilities on Manus Island. Future improvements may be made to the temporary facilities as required and until a permanent centre is in place.

The Australian Defence Force has provided an initial supply of mosquito nets and G4S under contract to the department procured an additional 280 mosquito nets for the RPC at a total cost of \$15,755.

With regard to provision of medical services the estimated value of the Heads of Agreement and contract, with IHMS for health services on Manus Island, is approximately \$11 million for the first six months. The estimated value includes a provision for general pass-through costs (including medication), but an estimate for medication expenditure is not available.