

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES
MAY 2023**

**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management

BE23-744 - Papua New Guinea - funding for offshore processing cohort

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Is the PNG Government receiving any form of funding in this or future financial years in relation to the offshore processing cohort (inc. for offshore processing cohort living, health, travel expenses etc.)?

a. If so, how much, from where, and for what purposes/deliverables?

Answer:

In December 2021, the Department agreed a confidential bilateral arrangement with the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Services Authority (PNG ICSA), the *Funding Arrangement Supporting Papua New Guinea's Independent Management of the Residual Regional Processing Caseload* (the Funding Arrangement). The details of the Funding Arrangement remain confidential.

While all funds under the arrangement have been expended to the PNG ICSA under the terms of the arrangement, the PNG ICSA continues to be responsible for the ongoing management of funding. This includes service delivery and contracting arrangements, as it relates to the ongoing management of individuals remaining in PNG. The Department does not have any role in the ongoing management of, or service delivery arrangements for, individuals remaining in PNG.