

**Question on notice no. 370**

**Portfolio question number: AE21-370**

**2020-21 Additional estimates**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 March 2021—

How much has the department spent on sending doctors to offshore immigration detention facilities?

a. Please provide a breakdown by years, and by doctors.

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Department of Home Affairs**

**Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management**

**AE21-370- Costs of sending doctors to offshore immigration detention facilities**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

How much has the department spent on sending doctors to offshore immigration detention facilities?

a. Please provide a breakdown by years, and by doctors.

*Answer:*

The following table provides operating costs for health and medical services (GST exclusive) in Papua New Guinea and Nauru since the commencement of regional processing arrangements in 2012. These figures include the costs of flying doctors to offshore immigration detention facilities, which are not tracked separately in the Financial Management Information System.

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)	\$ (m)*
PNG	8.4	25.1	29.0	34.0	32.3	36.8	29.2	40.8	16.4
NAURU	8.4	20.9	26.9	27.6	37.6	31.0	45.4	39.6	33.7

\*Year to date costs to 28 February 2021