

Question on notice no. 376

Portfolio question number: AE21-376

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—

What is the total cost per year, for each financial year beginning with 2012-13, that Australia has incurred under the MOUs with Papua New Guinea for offshore processing and resettlement?

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 1.4: IMA Offshore Management

AE21-376 - Costs of MOUs with Papua New Guinea

Senator Nick McKim asked:

What is the total cost per year, for each financial year beginning with 2012-13, that Australia has incurred under the MOUs with Papua New Guinea for offshore processing and resettlement?

Answer:

Since 2012, Australia has incurred the following costs under the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and the Government of Australia, relating to the transfer to, and assessment and settlement in, Papua New Guinea of certain persons, and related issues (MOU)*, and earlier 2012. Expenditure is inclusive of departmental, administered operations and capital costs.

2012-13 \$ (m)	2013-14 \$ (m)	2014-15 \$ (m)	2015-16 \$ (m)	2016-17 \$ (m)	2017-18 \$ (m)	2018-19 \$ (m)	2019-20 \$ (m)	2020-21 \$ (m) *
75.9	622.6	772.1	524.3	452.1	515.9	427.7	268.1	49.7

*Year to date costs to 28 February 2021.