

**Question on notice no. 379**

**Portfolio question number: AE21-379**

**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 Nauru for offshore processing and resettlement?

**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**

**AE21-379 - Cost of MOUs with Nauru**

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 Nauru for offshore processing and resettlement?

*Answer:*

Since 2012, Australia has incurred the following costs under the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Nauru and the Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Nauru, and related issues (MOU)*, and the earlier 2012 MOU. Expenditure is inclusive of departmental, administered operations and capital costs.

<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m)</b>	<b>\$ (m) *</b>
282.9	684.4	541.1	614.6	538.3	521.8	511.6	547.0	354.3

\* Year to date costs to 28 February 2021