

**Question on notice no. 384**

**Portfolio question number: AE21-384**

**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—

Please provide a breakdown of the \$41.4 million in the 2020-21 Budget allocated for Regional Cooperation Arrangement (RCA) in Indonesia?

**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 1.5: Regional Cooperation**

**AE21-384 - Regional Cooperation Arrangement**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide a breakdown of the \$41.4 million in the 2020-21 Budget allocated for Regional Cooperation Arrangement (RCA) in Indonesia?

*Answer:*

Since 2000, the Australian Government has funded the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to support Indonesia to manage its population of asylum seekers and refugees through the Regional Cooperation Arrangement (RCA).

RCA funding provides basic accommodation, food, medical and counselling services. Funding also covers the IOM-facilitated Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program.

The RCA supports Australia's strong border protection policies by helping to stabilise a vulnerable population and mitigating pull factors of onwards travel.

**Table 1: Breakdown of RCA expenditure 2020-21**

<b>Item</b>	<b>YTD AUD (as at 31 January 2021)</b>
Staff and Office Costs	\$4,932,023.26
Program and Operational Costs	\$12,917,862.09
AVRR Costs	\$36,6920.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,216,805.53</b>