

**Question on notice no. 427**

**Portfolio question number: BE21-427**

**2021-22 Budget estimates**

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

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 11 June 2021—

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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**Program 1.5: Regional Cooperation**

**BE21-427 - MOUs with PNG and Nauru - Cost**

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*Answer:*

The following tables detail the cost of regional processing in Nauru and Papua New Guinea (PNG) under respective memoranda of understanding and against Nauru and PNG cost centres since FY2012-13 to current:

	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 YTD 31 March \$'m
<b>Program 2.4 - IMA Offshore Management Total Costs for PNG and Nauru</b>	<b>358.8</b>	<b>1,306.9</b>	<b>1,313.2</b>	<b>1,138.9</b>	<b>990.4</b>	<b>1,037.6</b>	<b>939.3</b>	<b>815.1</b>	<b>454.3</b>
Program 2.4 Administered Total PNG & Nauru	204.9	862.9	924.3	947.7	905.6	1,004.5	917.4	795.5	444.2
Program 2.4 Departmental Total PNG & Nauru	14.5	52.7	54.8	51.6	20.2	17.9	15.3	14.4	5.8
Program 2.4 Capital Total PNG & Nauru	139.4	391.4	334.1	139.5	64.6	15.3	6.6	5.2	4.3
<b>Program 2.4 - PNG Total Cost</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>622.6</b>	<b>772.1</b>	<b>524.3</b>	<b>452.1</b>	<b>515.9</b>	<b>427.7</b>	<b>268.1</b>	<b>57.5</b>
PNG Administered Total	65.1	411.6	480.8	476.1	432.5	498.6	422.9	264.7	55.7
PNG Departmental Total	4.0	26.7	24.1	20.8	5.6	4.0	4.1	3.4	1.9
PNG Capital Total	6.8	184.3	267.3	27.5	14.0	13.3	0.7	(0.0)	-
<b>Program 2.4 - Nauru Total Cost</b>	<b>282.9</b>	<b>684.4</b>	<b>541.1</b>	<b>614.6</b>	<b>538.3</b>	<b>521.8</b>	<b>511.6</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>396.8</b>
Nauru Administered Total	139.8	451.3	443.6	471.7	473.1	505.9	494.5	530.8	388.5
Nauru Departmental Total	10.5	26.0	30.7	30.8	14.6	13.9	11.2	11.0	4.0
Nauru Capital Total	132.6	207.1	66.8	112.1	50.5	2.0	5.9	5.2	4.3