

Question on notice no. 157

Portfolio question number: AE22-157

2021-22 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 14 February 2022

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

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Program 2.4: IMA Offshore Management

AE22-157 - Canstruct - Canstruct's costings

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Answer:

Details relating to the engagement of Canstruct is outlined in BE21-182.

The Canstruct contract has been extended on eight occasions (five occasions using extension options available within the terms of the contract and three occasions using paragraph 2.6 of the CPRs) to ensure continuity of garrison and welfare services while transferees remain in Nauru, and pending the completion of the procurement process for enduring capability services.

Payments to Canstruct (under Contract Notice 3460561) by financial year are;

- 2017-18 – \$202.6m (GST exclusive)
- 2018-19 – \$301.2m (GST exclusive)
- 2019-20 – \$339.7m (GST exclusive)
- 2020-21 – \$331.7m (GST exclusive)
- 2021-22 – \$203.4 (GST exclusive) year to date - to 31 January 2021

Note: figures provided are the cash payments made to Canstruct during the period, this does not reflect when services were received.