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Question:

With reference to the statement in the department's annual report that "We advised the Prime Minister on Australia's domestic and international response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa":

How much did the Commonwealth spend on its (a) domestic and (b) international response.

How many Ebola cases did Australia treat (a) domestically and (b) internationally.

Answer:

Commonwealth Government expenditure on the:

- a) domestic response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa was approximately \$3.2 million; and
- b) international response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa was approximately \$35 million.

This does not include all costs of support provided by departments in relation to the response through routine administrative and policy activities.

The number of cases of Ebola treated by Australia:

- a) domestically, Australia did not treat any confirmed Ebola cases. However, 25 people have been tested for being suspected of having Ebola, all of whom have tested negative; and
- b) internationally, 216 patients were admitted to the Australian-managed Ebola Treatment Centre in Sierra Leone; of these patients 86 were treated for Ebola.