

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/039) - Cost of detaining someone on Christmas Island - Programme 1.4:  
IMA Onshore Management**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 66) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: What is the daily cost of detaining someone in a facility on Christmas Island?

Mr Pezzullo: If the commissioner does not have that to hand, some of his officers may have that information

Mr Quaedvlieg: I do not have that information and I suspect it is not lying around anywhere on a spreadsheet. It might be something we need to calculate, so, with your indulgence, I will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

Immigration Detention Facility costs include a mix of fixed and variable costs, some of which are based on detainee numbers and others fixed regardless of the number of detainees.

Due to this variability, the daily cost of detaining someone in a facility on Christmas Island has been derived using total actual costs for July to December 2015 divided by the average number of detainees over the same period, giving a cost of \$1,458 per day.