

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/016) - Cost of burnt down building - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 36) asked:

Ms Connell: Since 2013, we have changed our practices to avoid instances like this recurring. All assets, including those under construction, are now comprehensively insured by Comcover. There was immediate action taken to remedy that. As the secretary said, on this occasion, the builder was out of pocket and it was a cost to the taxpayer, but under the Comcover insurance, there would have been a cost in any event.

Mr Pezzullo: The builder, as I recall it, was paid out for the proper performance of their duties. They built a building and someone came along and burnt it down.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the cost of that?

Mr Nockels: \$75 million.

Senator KIM CARR: Do you concur with that number?

Mr Nockels: I would have to get an exact figure down to the cent, et cetera, but that is an approximate—

Answer:

In 2013-14 the Department wrote off assets to the value of \$75.14m.