

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/013) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 70) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you also take on notice—if need be, we can come back to it tomorrow—a question relating to the renegotiation of those contracts? I understand the point you were making about the numbers of people, but, when this was first flagged in the Commission of Audit, it talked about the different levels of service that would be provided. Could we have a breakdown of what the department is looking at there?

Mr Bowles: We could take that on notice, but there would be a whole lot of commercially-sensitive issues about us trying to negotiate with providers going forward that may be just a little bit too sensitive, but I will see what we can do. The funding more broadly for the detention network is funded through quite a detailed demand-driven model these days. We have changed the whole approach to how we fund these activities and we have this demand-driven model that drives the cost. We have a much clearer understanding of the costs, so we can actually target our contracts better.

*Answer:*

The Department approached the market on 3 April 2014 through a Request for Tender for the Provision of Onshore Immigration Detention Services (RFT 04/14).

The scope of those Services is set out in the RFT 04/14, and includes:

- Detention Health Services:
  - Integrated Primary Health Care Services;
  - Coordinating access to secondary and tertiary care;
  - Health Screening and Assessment Services;
  - Preventative Health Care (including infection control);
  - Health Promotion and Education;
  - Supply and Management of Pharmaceuticals (and other medicines);
  - Medical Escort Services;
  - Health Advice; and
  - Clinical Governance.
- Facilities and Detainee Services
  - Garrison Services;
  - Facilities Management Services;
  - Security and Escort Services;
  - Transport and Removal Services; and
  - Welfare and Engagement Services.

The successful tenderer or tenderers will be expected to perform services in a manner that is appropriate to the needs of individual detainees.

It would not be appropriate to provide further information whilst the tender evaluation process is in process.