

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/060) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (L&CA 19) asked:

Mr Bowles: I would like to get on the record that I absolutely reject the comment around secrecy. We have gone through appropriate procurement processes, and I have said it a number of times this morning. In relation to the contract, I am happy, Senator Singh, to talk to Transfield. We may be able to do something on a redacted basis that takes out commercially sensitive arrangements. I will on notice to talk to them in that context.

Answer:

The department refers to the original question from Senator Singh on page 18 of the Hansard transcript asking what can be provided to the committee in relation to the Transfield \$2.1 billion contract.

The consolidated contract with Transfield is for garrison, welfare and security services at the Nauru and Manus Offshore Processing Centres and was executed on 24 March 2014. The contract term expires on 31 October 2015 and the contract value as reported on AusTender is \$2.1 billion.