

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/075) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 35) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Thank you, Chair; I appreciate that. Mr Bowles, could you enlighten the committee on the average length of time that determinations taking for those people on Manus and Nauru?

Mr Bowles: I cannot give you the average at the moment; it depends on the number transferring in, and when. We can take it on notice to see if we can get you that answer.

Answer:

As at 31 May 2014:

- the average length of time from arrival to final determination in Nauru is eight to nine months;
- no final determinations have been handed down in Papua New Guinea (the average length of time from arrival to initial assessment notification is nine to ten months).