

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/023) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator O’Sullivan (L&CA 55) asked:

Mr Cormack: I am happy to put the record straight—garrison and welfare support is \$177.8 million and health care is \$31.4 million, on Manus.

Senator O’SULLIVAN: And he is very inflexible on this time issue. Are we able to divide that by the number of beneficiaries? Are we able to do that in a very broad sense, with a 20 per cent tolerance even?

Mr Cormack: You could, but you would come up with a pretty meaningless figure—the reason being that the range of services offered or provided to an individual can vary enormously. So, of a population of a bit over 1,000—which you have got there—most people would have a very minimal call on the health services and others would have a very significant call, and indeed in some instances have had to be transported off the island to either Port Moresby or, in some cases, to Australia for care. So the cost in their individual case would be very, very significant. It is not the sort of thing where a simple mathematical model would give you a particularly meaningful answer.

Senator O’SULLIVAN: This is a question, clearly, for notice: would you have that broken down? Do you have a look at that and see what the tapestry of that is?

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Senator O’SULLIVAN: Could I ask you to take that on notice?

Mr Cormack: Certainly. We are happy to do that, Senator.

Answer:

The budget for Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on arrival rates, cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.

The breakdown of the current 2014/15 budget allocation for the Manus Offshore Processing Centre is included in the table below:

MANUS OFFSHORE PROCESSING	
	2014/15
	\$'000
Outcome 3.5 - Administered	333,861
Charters	20,793
Escorts	7,805
Communications - Transferees - Manus	387
Independent Review	386
Garrison and Welfare Support	177,823
Healthcare Services	31,379
Family and Unaccompanied Minors Welfare Support	-
Property	3,131
Advisory Committee	75
Returns	2,208
Removals	992
Visas	1,600
Leases	8,307
Government of Papua New Guinea	7,940
Ongoing Community Support	12,602
Post Assessment Centre (removals) - Lower Paradise	41,388
Other	17,045
Administered - capital	271,866
Outcome 3.6 - Departmental	23,803
Staff	8,493
Suppliers	15,310