

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/129) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

On average, how much does it cost to transfer asylum seekers, who arrived by vessel, to Nauru and Manus Is.?

a. What is the breakdown of these costs per person?

Answer:

There is no average cost calculation per transferee. Determining an expenditure estimate is complex and has many different elements which can result in the variability of average cost. There are a large number of variables that impact the cost of individual transfer operations. For example, the number of transferees, their risk profiles, plane availability and potential escort requirements.