

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/322) PROGRAMME –

Senator Reynolds (L&CA 16-17) asked:

Senator REYNOLDS: So, if I have it right, 10 centres have closed and four are now in the process of being closed—are scheduled to close.

Mr Cormack: Yes.

Senator REYNOLDS: What are the cost savings in relation to these closures? Have you done any calculations on that?

Mr Cormack: I will get the precise figure for you on notice, but those savings are a very significant part of what is effectively over a \$2 billion forward estimates contribution to a reduction in costs associated with illegal maritime arrivals.

Answer:

The department wishes to clarify its advice, provided at the hearing, that as at 27 November 2014 eight facilities had been closed and two were in the process of being closed. Subsequently Curtin Immigration Detention Centre closed on 30 November 2014 and Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention closed on 31 December 2014. A total of 10 facilities closed during 2014.

The cost savings generated by these closures is approximately \$410 million over the period of forward estimates.