

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/013) - PNG transfer facility - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 61) asked:

Senator McKIM: So why are we paying for it, or part of it? Scratch that—I will come to that in a minute. What is the cost to the Australian taxpayer?

Mr Pezzullo: If Mr Nockels is able to draw on available materials, he will answer that question about the quantum of what is likely to be the contract that we are going to sign.

Mr Nockels: I do not have the number right in front of me at the moment—I will search for that in a second—but it is in the vicinity of around \$20 million. I will just need to confirm that.

*Answer:*

The total budget for the project is \$21 million GST exclusive.