

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/066) - Nauru visas - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

What is the amount the Australian government pays Nauru for each refugee visa?

- What is the period of validity of these visas?
- How many such visas has the Australian government paid for in 2016?

What is the amount the Australian government pays Nauru for each visa for DIBP staff and contractors?

- What is the period of validity of these visas?
- How many such visas has the Australian government paid for in 2016?

Answer:

The cost for Nauru-determined refugees (Temporary Settlement Visas) are \$2000 per month, payable bi-annually on demand.

Refugee visas are valid for six months from date of issue.

As of 27 October 2016, the Australian Government has paid for 205 refugee visas.

Under agreement with the Government of Nauru, departmental staff travelling to Nauru for official purposes are not subject to visa fees.

Service providers are liable for payment of Staff Business Visa fees – \$1050 per annum, payable on application.

Staff business visas are valid for 12 months from date of issue.

To source this information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.