

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE16/084) - Christmas Island Expenditure - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Does the Department envisage an increase in expenditure in Christmas Island? What is the justification for transferring people to Christmas Island, given the significantly higher costs?

*Answer:*

Costs will increase on Christmas Island in direct response to increased detainees being accommodated on island, or increased risk posed by detainees.

Placement decisions are part of a process of assessing and minimising risk to other detainees, service providers, visitors and staff. In making placement decisions, medical needs are given priority, and family and community links are carefully considered. Detainee needs are considered in line with the Department's duty of care to all detainees.