

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (AE12/0332) Program: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to the following statement in MYEFO: “onshore processing costs related to irregular maritime arrivals, are expected to increase by \$1.3 billion over four years as a result of an increase in expected arrival rates compared to those at Budget. This is partly offset by \$1.1 billion in reduced costs and savings associated with not progressing offshore processing arrangements at this time, leaving a net impact on the budget of \$197 million over four years”. Provide a breakdown of the “\$1.1 billion in reduced costs and savings associated with not progressing offshore processing arrangements at this time”.

*Answer:*

The 2011 MYEFO estimates were based on Whole of Government financial estimates. Details of the reduced costs and savings associated with not progressing previously announced offshore processing arrangements at the time of MYEFO are as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Estimate of costs for the operation of a Regional Processing Centre (DIAC only)	592,027
Estimate of capital costs associated with the construction of a Regional Processing Centre (DIAC)	40,000
Estimate of capital costs associated with the construction of a Regional Processing Centre (Whole of Govt)	184,708
Reversal of the measure “Humanitarian Migration Program – increase of 4,000 places” (DIAC only)	68,388
Whole of Government costs associated with the increase of 4,000 places in the Humanitarian Program (Whole of Govt)	148,025
Reversal of the measure “Implementation of Regional Cooperation Framework” (DIAC only)	70,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,104,076</b>