

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/181) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- a) What is the breakdown of costs associated with the transfer of the detainee population to other detention facilities?
- b) What is the breakdown of costs associated with current and future voluntary and involuntary returns?
- c) Have these costs been included in the calculation of the \$88.8 million savings?  
If so, what is the revised savings amount?  
If not, what funds will be used to transfer the detainees?

*Answer:*

- a) The Minister announced the closure of Pontville Immigration Detention Facility, Scherger Immigration Detention Centre, Leonora Alternative Place of Detention and Port Augusta Residential Housing on 14 January 2014.

There were no costs incurred in relation to the transfer of detainee population out of Pontville as the facility was already empty.

There were minimal costs incurred in relation to the closure of the Port Augusta Facility as the detainee population travelled by road to Inverbrackie.

The transfer of detainees from Scherger IDC to other facilities incurred \$329,375.00 costs in relation to air charter services.

The transfer of detainees from Leonora Alternative Place of Detention to other facilities incurred \$112,400.00 costs in relation to air charter services.

- b) Between 1 July 2013 and 28 Feb 2014. \$2,588,485 for supplier administered costs (which includes items like flight, escort costs).  
\$1,322,971 was expended on removals from Australia to Colombo.

\$7 285 912 to the International Organization of Migration (IOM) for assisted voluntary returns of Irregular Maritime Arrivals. In addition, staffing costs would be incurred through the department's employee cost centres.

- c) No.  
The transfer of detainees will be funded through the normal IMA program resources.

