

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/056) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Singh (L&CA 86) asked:

Senator SINGH: How much of the contract payment, this \$1.2 billion, will be spent on the training of welfare staff, and how much on the training of security staff?

Mr Bowles: We will not have that level of detail here. We can take that on notice, and see what we can determine. I just need to make it clear that the new arrangements cover not only the garrison operational and maintenance type services, they also cover the client welfare and engagement services. So it is not quite a like for like change.

Answer:

As per the contract, Transfield Services must ensure that personnel are appropriately skilled, trained and qualified to provide the services described in the contract's Statement of Works. The contract does not stipulate the amounts to be spent on different types of training.