

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle asked:

What is the total cost of employing a psychiatric nurse on Nauru? Does this nurse treat Nauruans as well as detainees?

Answer:

The total cost for the psychiatric nurse for the six month contract period is \$0.1m. When the nurse is not giving priority service to the two Iraqi men he can and does provide services to Nauru citizens at the Nauru Hospital.