

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE13/0221) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the value of IHMS contract for 2013-14 and for each of the financial years in the forward estimates? What are the elements of that contract?

*Answer:*

There are two contracts with IHMS, one for the delivery of health services in Australia and the other for health services at the Regional Processing Centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

As at 28 May 2013, the estimated total maximum value for the full term of both contracts was \$742.86m. The value for each year is not identified in the contracts.

Forward costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs). The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Please refer to the Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14, pp.54-55.

A summary of the health services provided by IHMS is given at page 224 of the Department's Annual Report 2011-12.