

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0223) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What is the value of the contract the government has with the Salvation Army to provide services on Nauru and Manus Island? For how long? What happens after that date? How long does the government anticipate that the Salvation Army will be required to provide these services to people on Nauru? Where is this reflected in the forward estimates?

Answer:

The total maximum value of the contract with The Salvation Army, a contract from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014 is valued at \$74.9 million for welfare and support services on Nauru and Manus Island.

The Salvation Army will provide services for the duration of the contract period. The Department will make necessary arrangements for the provision of services prior to the end of the contract period.

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 see Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14, pp.54-55.