

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 31 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0453) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

Has there been a tender process for the provision of goods and services on Manus? Has Transfield been asked to tender for the provision of similar services on Manus? What was their response? Have they provided a tender? What is the value of that tender? Who else is providing services on Manus and what are they? What about the provision of goods and health services? Please go through what facilities will be provided on Manus and the full cost.

Answer:

The Department conducted a limited tender process in relation to operational and maintenance services on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea. The Department invited a number of providers to respond to a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Five companies were invited to provide proposals for the provision of operational and maintenance services on Manus Island. These companies were:

- Serco;
- Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd;
- Toll Global Resources;
- HK Logistics Pty Ltd; and
- G4S.

Serco and HK Logistics Pty Ltd declined the invitation. Transfield Services Australia, Toll Global Resources and G4S submitted responses. Value for money was established through a number of criteria including experience, extent of local engagement, cost and risk. All responses received are commercial in confidence. Releasing the contents of those responses could cause significant commercial harm to the organisations.

Service providers at the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre are:

- G4S which provides catering, operational and maintenance, facilities management, procurement logistics, security and transport services.
- The Salvation Army which provides transferee and support services which include individual management services, programs and activities and Regional Processing Centre coordination.
- Save the Children which provides specialist support for children.

- International Health and Medical Services which provides health and medical services.

The Manus Island permanent facilities will include:

- a Regional Processing Centre able to accommodate 600 persons;
- health, welfare, recreational, operational facilities and engineering services; and
- purpose built 200 room staff accommodation.

A site for the permanent Regional Processing Centre on Manus Island has been agreed upon with the PNG Government. As at 31 May 2013, the Department has estimated the cost of the Manus RPC construction project at approximately \$171.7 million.