

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 October 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0007) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Michaela Cash (L&CA 39) asked:

In relation to the \$1 billion over four years for Nauru, provide a breakdown of that figure over the four years

Answer:

The initial high level estimate for operating expenses for a processing centre on Nauru for 2011-12 and the three forward years are detailed below. This indicative high level estimate included both Administered and Departmental expenses but excluded any estimate for required capital expenditure. The initial estimate was based on an estimated average client number of 1,500 clients per annum.

	2011-12 \$'million	2012-13 \$'million	2013-14 \$'million	2014-15 \$'million	Total \$'million
Total	239.443	241.124	246.616	252.259	979.442

Following a visit by DIAC staff to the island, revised costings based on a client number of 750 clients per annum and updated operational information are outlined below. These revised estimates include both Administered and Departmental operational expenses but exclude estimates for required capital expenditure.

	2012-13 \$'million	2013-14 \$'million	2014-15 \$'million	2015-16 \$'million	Total \$'million
Total	362.099	398.863	436.151	480.676	1,677.789