

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0292) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Michaela Cash (L&CA 38) asked:

Provide advice on the budget impacts i.e. the savings, as a result of the failed Malaysian Solution, e.g. transfer arrangements not taking place, Papua New Guinea processing centre no longer required etc.

Answer:

The Government has announced that it would return to the Budget (after deduction of monies already expended) funding that was appropriated for the Arrangement with Malaysia and the operation of an offshore processing centre.

The total resourcing returned to the Budget in the 2011-12 Mid Year Economic Financial Outlook Statements for these activities was \$662.96 million over four years.

Budget provision has been made, however, for the additional funds expected to be required to meet the higher number of irregular maritime arrivals resulting from the inability to implement offshore arrangements.