

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0653) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Manus: Are any items associated with the establishment and running of the processing centre, including accommodation that is being funded by other agencies, including from the Ausaid budget? If so, how much and what is it for.

Answer:

The Australian Defence Force and DIAC established temporary facilities at the Regional Processing Centre on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, including erecting basic army-style tents and refurbishing existing buildings. Costs associated with works completed by the Australian Defence Force are not available to the Department.

No AusAID funding was used in the establishment and running of the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre.