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1) The cost of transferring people to Australia under the new system commonly referred to as the medevac laws (or the Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018.

For the period between February 2019 and June 2019, the costs incurred by the Department of Home Affairs (Department) in transferring people from regional processing locations to Australia under the Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018 was \$2.2 million. This includes flights costs as well as the costs of associated medical support and other personnel/family members travelling with the transferee, and associated travel costs. Further, the Department has also recognised additional expenditure of \$2.4 million in fixed costs to ensure transport option availability during this period.

2) How many people have been transferred under the new system.

For the period from February 2019 to June 2019 a total of 30 people were transferred under the new system.