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1) Cost of the monthly visa fee for an asylum seeker and refugee which the Australian government pays to the Nauruan government:

   In accordance with Government of Nauru Regulations, the Department pays visa fees for transferees at the rate of $1,000 per asylum seeker per month, including failed asylum seekers; and $2,000 per refugee per month.

2) The amount the Australian government paid the Nauruan government for monthly visa fees for asylum seekers and refugees from the time offshore processing recommenced in 2012 to present:

   - Prior to 1 May 2016 the Department's financial system did not maintain information at the level required to readily split out visa costs for asylum seekers and refugees.

   - In the period 1 May 2016 to 31 December 2019 the Department paid $89.21m in visa fees for asylum seekers and refugees. The breakup, per financial year, per month is shown in the table below:

ASYLUM SEEKERS

F/YEAR	JULY $'m	AUGUST $'m	SEPT $'m	OCT $'m	NOV $'m	DEC $'m	JAN $'m	FEB $'m	MAR $'m	APR $'m	MAY $'m	JUNE $'m	TOTAL $'m
2015-16											4.85		4.85
2016-17	0.27	-	0.65	-	0.24	0.47	-	0.40	0.24	0.19	0.11	0.04	2.60
2017-18	0.01	0.10	0.33	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	0.44	-	0.25	1.28
2018-19	-	0.14	-	0.20	0.21	0.07	-	-	-	-	0.15	-	0.78
2019-20	-	-	-	0.44	0.02	-							0.46
													9.98

REFUGEES

F/YEAR	JULY $'m	AUGUST $'m	SEPT $'m	OCT $'m	NOV $'m	DEC $'m	JAN $'m	FEB $'m	MAR $'m	APR $'m	MAY $'m	JUNE $'m	TOTAL $'m
2015-16											1.76	15.62	17.38
2016-17	1.94	0.26	2.46	-	1.45	4.73	-	4.02	1.44	1.10	3.78	1.03	22.23
2017-18	3.01	1.56	1.43	1.52	3.22	-	-	-	4.44	0.08	2.05	4.10	21.42
2018-19	0.48	-	1.67	-	0.84	2.19	1.61	0.70	-	-	0.34	-	7.82
2019-20	3.58	3.78	-	2.89	0.13	-							10.38
													79.23

Note:

- The above includes the cost of visas for failed asylum.

- Expenditure is on a cash basis and reflects the timing associated with the payment of invoices by the Department to the Government of Nauru.