

28426 UK average costs involved in detaining each illegal immigrant

- 1) Internal management information indicates that it costs between £13k and £15k for an enforced removal, including arrest team costs, escorting and detention costs. This does not include the legal costs of any appeals challenging the removal.
- 2) Assuming detention to mean those persons held in our Immigration Removal Centres, I can advise that the estimated average direct cost of detention for the financial year 2013-2014 was £99 per bed space per night. The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the length of detention for people leaving detention within Immigration Statistics.
- 3) The Home Office enforces removal to ensure illegal migrants leave the UK. The majority of such cases are known as Public Expense Removals PER. The Home Office is able to provide information from 2006-07 only and this is shown in the table 1 below. These figures include the cost of PER including flight costs and any third party contractor management charge.

	Public Expense Removals(PERs) £'s m
2006-07	20.2
2007-08	22.3
2008-09	27.0
2009-10	27.5
2010-11	28.4
2011-12	28.6
2012-13	32.4

The Home Office receives funding from the European Union towards its removals programme which offset some of the gross costs and help fund some of the various voluntary removals schemes.