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**Søren Vester Sørensen**

**Fra:** Søren Vester Sørensen  
**Sendt:** 6. januar 2016 17:06  
**Til:** 'Mircheva, Borislava'  
**Cc:** Lene Amstrup-Jensen  
**Emne:** SV: request for estimates of short-term costs of the refugee crisis

Dear Borislava,

Apologies for the late reply, I had already left for an extended holiday.

The difference in magnitude compared with the earlier numbers which we sent in October, is due to the fact that the earlier numbers only include the costs related to the reception and support of asylum seekers (i.e. for the period where refugees have status as asylum seekers). The numbers which we provided in December, include expenditures *after* asylum applications have been approved, and so expenditures related to housing in municipalities and income support (integration benefits).

The correct figures for the total fiscal impact related to the increase in asylum seekers are DKK 4,7 bn in 2014, DKK 9,2 bn for 2015 and DKK 10,9 bn for 2016. The somewhat lower number for 2016 compared with what we mentioned in December are due to a slight decrease in the assumed rate of which asylum applications are approved, due to new information regarding the geographical origin of asylum seekers.

I hope this clarification is helpful.

Best wishes for the new year,

Soren

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**Fra:** Mircheva, Borislava [<mailto:BMircheva@imf.org>]  
**Sendt:** 18. december 2015 22:46  
**Til:** Søren Vester Sørensen  
**Cc:** Niels Arne Dam; Anders Borup Christensen; Christina Knudsen; Lene Amstrup-Jensen; Hofman, David J. V.  
**Emne:** RE: request for estimates of short-term costs of the refugee crisis

Dear Soren,

Many thanks again for sending the information below.

When we met in Copenhagen during the staff visit and we discussed the fiscal cost related to refugees it was indicated to us that it is estimated at DKKK 4,7 bn for 2014, DKK 9,2 bn for 2015 and DKK 11,5 bn for 2016. These numbers are higher compared to the ones that we received below. Could you please let us know which numbers should be used by our colleagues as they are working on a paper and comparing fiscal costs across countries in Europe?

Many thanks  
Borislava

**From:** Søren Vester Sørensen [<mailto:svs@fm.dk>]  
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**Subject:** VS: request for estimates of short-term costs of the refugee crisis

Dear Borislava,

I have received the data you asked for from the Ministry of Immigration, Integration and Housing.

The full fiscal costs related to the reception and support of asylum seekers are approximately:

- 2014: DKK 1.9 bn.
- 2015: DKK 4.15 bn.
- 2016: DKK 2.45 bn.

The cost of an average asylum seeker is approximately:

- 2014: DKK 215,000
- 2015: DKK 215,000
- 2016: DKK 220,000

The costs for 2014 are the actual costs while the costs for 2015 and 2016 are estimated fiscal costs.

Best regards, Søren

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**Fra:** Mircheva, Borislava [<mailto:BMircheva@imf.org>]

**Sendt:** 28. september 2015 22:14

**Til:** Søren Vester Sørensen

**Emne:** request for estimates of short-term costs of the refugee crisis

Dear Soren,

Our colleagues here in the European department are working on a migrations project focusing on recipient countries and they need help estimating the short-term fiscal cost of the current immigration wave. We would greatly appreciate the following information:

- your best current estimate of the full fiscal cost at the general government level related to the reception and support of asylum seekers (all, irrespective of origin) for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Hopefully, the 2014 data will reflect actual budget numbers. Together with the estimates for 2015-16, this will give us an idea of the fiscal impact of the current immigration surge. Feel free to footnote your estimates and guesses as needed, so that we can document all relevant caveats.
- where available, estimates of the average per-person fiscal cost used as rule-of-thumb when calculating the fiscal cost associated with asylum seekers. This might help us with cross-country comparisons and scenarios later on. We would greatly appreciate sending us this information by **cob Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Many thanks in advance and please do not hesitate to let me know should you have any questions  
Borislava

## FISCAL EFFECTS AND BUDGET

- Average unit price per full-year person in the asylum system is 222.000 DKK = approx. 30.000 Euro
- Total cost of case handling, accommodation, integration programmes (before DAC-financing)

Public spending on immigration and integration (billions DKK)	2013	2014	2015	2016
Case worker authorities (DIS etc.)				634
Accommodation etc.				3.815
Integration				6.630
<b>Total public spending (gross)</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>11.500</b>

- Expenses in the first year can be financed as part of development aid.
- Estimate for 2016 raised by 1.8 bill. DKK (<0.1% of GDP) – 1.5 DAC.
- Remainder: through budget reserves in 2016
- Estimated DAC-expenses 2015: 2.2 billion DKK out of 9.2 billion DKK
- Estimated DAC-expenses 2016: 4.3 billion DKK out of 11.0 billion DKK