

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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Question: What is the estimated cost of running each facility in 2011-12 – departmental and administered, including a summary of operational expenditure?

Answer: The estimated direct operating costs of running each facility in 2011-12 are as follows. These expense estimates are for total operating costs from revenue appropriated from Programs 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4.

Facility Name	2011-12			
	Administered	Departmental	Total	Estimated Months Operational
	\$ m	\$ m	\$ m	
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	3.30	0.20	3.50	12
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	2.60	0.40	3.00	12
Christmas Island – all sites	179.00	21.00	200.00	12
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	78.70	9.25	87.95	12
Darwin Alternative Places of Detention	42.50	5.00	47.50	12
Northern Immigration Detention Centre	24.00	4.00	28.00	12
Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention	27.00	3.00	30.00	12
Leonora Alternative Place of Detention	6.00	0.30	6.30	12
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	14.50	1.50	16.00	12
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	2.00	0.50	2.50	12
Pontville Immigration Detention Centre	13.50	1.50	15.00	6
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	7.50	0.50	8.00	12
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	5.50	1.00	6.50	12
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	1.50	0.50	2.00	12
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre*	26.00	4.00	30.00	6
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	26.00	2.50	28.50	12
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	3.00	0.50	3.50	12
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	17.50	2.50	20.00	7
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	65.00	7.50	72.50	8
Across Network**	8.00	10.00	18.00	12
TOTAL	553.10	75.65	628.75	

* Please note as of 30 September 2011 the department estimates a twelve month operational period for the Scherger Immigration Detention Centre. The figures provided above relate to the original estimate as at 15 August 2011 of six months.

**Please note that some expenses apply across the network and can not be attributed to a specific centre. Some costs, which in previous years could not be directly attributed to a specific centre, have been allocated for budget purposes.

The estimate of operational expenditure includes the cost of services provided by the detention services provider, the health services provider, IAAAS providers, Life Without Barriers and the Australian Red Cross. It also includes the cost of interpreting services, air charters and other travel, utilities, repairs and maintenance, IT and communication costs, education services for IMAs and other miscellaneous costs. The costs include estimates for DIAC staff directly involved in the management of the centres.

These estimates exclude any capital or costs associated with the community detention program.

It is important to note that the above estimates could vary depending on dynamic factors such as the number of clients at a facility during the year, the mix of the client caseload in a facility, specific client needs, processing times and any change to operational requirements that may be necessary.