

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0351) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Curtin in the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained there? How many have been released on a bridging visa; into community detention or given a permanent visa?

Answer:

Financial figures are for the 1 July 2011 to 31 Jan 2012 period.

Curtin IDC	Actual (\$)
Aircraft Charter Freight and Travel	3,463,565
DIAC staff costs and allowances	5,546,995
Interpreting Services	7,198,876
IT and Communications	509,394
Misc	1,380,170
Motor Vehicle Expenses	237,600
Property	5,315,447
Staff salaries	1,807,985
Client Accommodation Leasing	870,577
Detention Services	41,502,320
health services	12,357,683
IAAAS	1,611,546
Total Cost	81,802,158

Capital spend for the financial year to 31 January 2012 is \$8,299,508.

According to DIAC operational data as at cob 13 February 2012:

- There were 930 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) being accommodated at Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).

According to DIAC operational data, from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012:

- 22 IMAs were released into community detention from Curtin IDC.
- 1091 IMAs were released on protection visas from Curtin IDC.
- 113 IMAs had been released from Curtin IDC on a bridging visa.