QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0371) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each of the facilities? 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.

Northern IDC	Actual (\$)
Aircraft Charter Freight and Travel	4,555,903
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1,031,146
IMA Education	2,491,493
Interpreting Services	4,936,797
IT and Communications	419,521
Miscellaneous	90,748
Motor Vehicle Expenses	72,572
Property	1,185,990
Staff salaries	2,748,797
Client Accommodation Leasing	176,167
Detention Services	17,335,095
Health services	6,311,071
IAAAS	136,394
IOM / Australian Red Cross	5,558
Total Cost	41,497,253

Darwin Airport Lodge APOD	Actual (\$)
Aircraft Charter Freight and Travel	310,560
IMA Education	1,209
Interpreting Services	131,357
Miscellaneous	4,056,901
Motor Vehicle Expenses	190
Property	380,363
Staff salaries	4,930
Client Accommodation Leasing	17,397,524
Detention Services	15,118,452
Health services	5,457,426
IAAAS	612,032
IOM / Australian Red Cross	2,779
Total Cost	43,473,723

Wickham Point IDC	Actual
Aircraft Charter Freight and Travel	849,554
DIAC staff costs and allowances	37,563
IT and Communications	937,723
Misc	2,614,295
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,479
Property	415,567
Staff salaries	194,329
Client Accommodation Leasing	13,186,418
Detention Services	12,839,916
Health services	3,289,807
IAAAS	15,000
Total	34,382,652

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

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Northern Territory immigration detention facilities was 1081.
 - 198 at Northern Immigration Detention Centre (IDC);
 - 468 at Wickham Point IDC:
 - 59 at DAL Stage 3 Alternative Place of Detention (APOD); and
 - 356 at Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD.

As at cob 13 February 2012:

- 25 IMAs had been released from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities on a bridging visa.
 - 12 from Northern IDC;
 - 13 from DAL Stage 3; and
 - 0 from Wickham Point IDC.

According to DIAC operational data, from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012 there have been 869 IMAs transferred into community detention from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities.

- 115 from Northern IDC;
- 8 from DAL Stage 3 APOD;
- 1 from Wickham Point IDC;
- 139 from Darwin Asti APOD; and
- 606 from Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD.

According to DIAC operational data, from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012 there have been 726 IMAs released on protection visas from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities.

- 416 from Northern IDC;
- 5 from DAL Stage 3 APOD;
- 30 from Darwin Asti APOD;
- 275 from Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD; and
- 0 from Wickham Point IDC.