

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0216) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many staff from DIAC have been involved in processing and detention of irregular maritime arrivals at various locations in 2012-13? How have these staffing numbers changed from 2011-12 and 2010-11? If there has been an increase, what were the reasons for the increase? What is the cost of these personnel in total and by location?

Answer:

403 DIAC staff have been involved in processing and detention of IMAs at various locations. The table below outlines staff numbers by location for the period

1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013:

Off-Shore Location	Number of Staff
Nauru	10
Papua New Guinea	8
Christmas Island	86
Cocos Island	1
On-Shore Location	
Brisbane, QLD	7
Curtin, WA	53
Darwin, NT	72
Inverbrackie, SA	11
Leonora, WA	15
Melbourne, VIC	8
Perth, WA	3
Port Augusta, SA	7
Scherger, QLD	24
Villawood, NSW	19
Wickham Point, NT	38
Yongah Hill, WA	26
Pontville, TAS	15
Total All Locations	403

Total number of DIAC as at 31 January for the years 2011 to 2013 is outlined in table below:

Date	Number of staff#
31 January 2013	403*
31 January 2012	366
31 January 2011	266

Full-time equivalent staff

* Includes staff at Regional Processing Centres on Nauru and Manus Islands

Reason for increase:

The number of staff at Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs) required to support the processing and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 varies in line with changes to the IMA caseload, the type of processing required for particular cohorts and the number of facilities in which IMAs are accommodated.

Cost of full-time equivalent DIAC staff involved in IMA processing and detention roles by location is outlined in the table below:

	Fortnightly Salary Expenditure*
Off-Shore Location	
Nauru	\$56,921.03
Paua New Guinea	\$50,057.36
Christmas Island	\$452,843.53
Cocos Island	\$4,739.29
On-Shore Location	
Brisbane, QLD	\$20,849.92
Curtin, WA	\$254,401.12
Darwin, NT	\$294,446.52
Inverbrackie, SA	\$37,325.88
Leonora, WA	\$75,323.66
Melbourne, VIC	\$24,211.43
Perth, WA	\$10,993.39
Port Augusta, SA	\$26,324.90
Scherger, QLD	\$118,798.89
Villawood, NSW	\$66,774.01
Wickham Point, NT	\$151,527.62
Yongah Hill, WA	\$104,874.66
Pontville, TAS	\$66,864.42
Total All Locations	\$1,817,277.63

* Amounts shown are the fortnightly salary and allowances expenditure for the 403 full-time equivalent DIAC staff, derived from the actual salary expenditure for pay period ending on 14 February 2013.