

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0327) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each compound on Christmas Island, by length of time, age, gender and country of origin? How many have been released on a bridging visa, into community detention or given a permanent visa? What is the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

As at COB 11 February 2013 the following Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) were detained on Christmas Island:

Male

Age (years)	Location					
	North West Point	Aqua APOD	Lilac APOD	Construction Camp APOD	Phosphate Hill A & C	Phosphate Hill Bravo
0 to 17	0	26	27	95	47	2
18 to 35	456	30	23	58	17	8
35 +	101	16	9	33	0	5

Female

Age (years)	Location					
	North West Point	Aqua APOD	Lilac APOD	Construction Camp APOD	Phosphate Hill A & C	Phosphate Hill Bravo
0 to 17	0	18	17	81	0	2
18 to 35	0	33	17	91	0	4
35 +	0	17	11	29	0	0

Country of Origin	Days in Detention on Christmas Island			
	0 - 90	91 - 180	181 - 365	365 +
Afghanistan	179	15	0	0
Algeria	*	0	0	0
Bangladesh	30	0	0	0
Burmese	3	0	0	0
Claimed Stateless	111	34	0	0
India	*	0	0	0
Indonesia	22	0	0	0
Indonesia - Not Crew	0	*	0	0
Iran	317	46	0	0
Iraq	31	13	0	0
Kuwait	*	0	0	0
Lebanon	*	0	0	0
Myanmar	0	11	0	0
Not Yet Known	*	0	0	0
Pakistan	88	*	0	0
Palestine	*	*	0	0
Sri Lanka	33	302	0	0
Sudan	*	0	0	0
SYRIA	*	0	0	0
Vietnam	10	0	0	0
Yemen	*	0	0	0

Based on operational data as at COB 11 February 2013

** Due to privacy reasons all nationalities with less than 10 people have been represented as an asterix.*

*** Numbers are for 2012-2013 financial year*

Between 1 July 2012 and 11 February 2013 the following IMAs were released directly from detention on Christmas Island:

Bridging Visa	0
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Protection Visa	0
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Community Detention	26
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There is no specific budget allocated for the operation of Christmas Island in the 2012-13 financial year.