

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0366) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained there, 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:

The cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood in 2011-2012 is as follows:

Item Description	VIDC Actual Costs (\$)
Accommodation Leasing	3,893
Aircharter and freight	245,626
Detention Services	35,119,643
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1,788,660
Client Support and Health Services	7,019,555
Interpreters	1,478,404
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1,527,814
Total Cost	47,183,595

The cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood between July 2012 and February 2013 is as follows:

Item Description	VIDC Actual Costs (\$)
Australian Red Cross	11,571
Charter Freight and Travel	172,363
Detention Services	13,970,157
Health Services	6,219,434
Interpreting Services	901,345
IT and Communications	178,981
Property	397,673
DIAC Staff Costs	15,776
DIAC Staff Salaries	1,261,094
Total Cost	23,128,394

Please note that item grouping has been reverted to be align with requirements from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.

As at 11 February 2013 there were 154 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in VIDC.

Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender, country of origin and numbers released into the community.

Time in Detention	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 90 days	4
91 + days	150

Age Group	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 17 Years	0
18 to 35 Years	113
36 + years	41

Gender	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre
Male	152
Female	2

Nationality	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre
Afghanistan	14
Burma	*
Claimed Stateless	13
Indonesia	*
Iran	17
Iraq	*
Kuwait	*
Pakistan	*
Sri Lanka	82
Vietnam	*

Release Type**	Villawood Immigration Detention Centre
Bridging Visa	92
Protection Visa	22
Community Detention	12

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*