

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0377) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Curtin in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair 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 were the budgeted costs to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

The cost of operating the detention facilities at Curtin 2011-2012 was as follows:

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Accommodation Leasing	1,479,903
Aircharter and freight	5,508,000
Detention Services	81,946,995
DIAC staff costs and allowances	14,380,895
Client Support and Health Services	25,520,453
Interpreters	13,691,733
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	9,420,483
Total Cost	151,948,462

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

Item Description	CURTIN IDC	Actual Cost \$
Accommodation Leasing		3,702,333
Australian Red Cross		21,590
Charter Freight and Travel		3,231,824
Contractors/Consultants		135,478
Detention Services		68,713,490
Emergency Services		7,878
Health Services		16,349,982
IAAAS		774,454
Interpreting Services		8,949,592
IT and Communications		792,234
Motor Vehicle Expenses		144,383
Property		2,841,724
DIAC Staff Costs		3,264,282
DIAC Staff Salaries		3,372,721
Total Cost		112,301,965

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

There was \$12,051,574 in capital expenditure in the 2011- 2012 financial year and \$245,240 between July 2012 and February 2013. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture,
- furnishings, equipment and vehicles; upgrade of fencing, security (CCTV upgrade); and
- installation of new buildings.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in the IT, communications, motor vehicle and property expenses category in the table above.

There is no fixed budget to operate the Curtin centre for 2012-13. The budget for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (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 cob 11 February 2013 the number of IMAs accommodated in Curtin was 747.

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

Time in Detention	Curtin Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 90 days	1
91 + days	746

Age Group	Curtin Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 17 Years	0
18 to 35 Years	568
36 + years	179

Gender	Curtin Immigration Detention Centre
Male	747
Female	0

Nationality	Curtin Immigration Detention Centre
Afghanistan	48
Iran	17
Iraq	11
Pakistan	*
Sri Lanka	665

Release Type**	Curtin Immigration Detention Centre
Bridging Visa	3121
Protection Visa	1249
Community Detention	9

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.

** Number are for 2012-2013 financial year