

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0389) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each of the facilities 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 was the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

*Answer:*

The cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory in 2011-2012 was as follows:

	<b>Northern IDC*</b>	<b>Darwin Airport Lodge</b>	<b>Wickham Point</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>
Accommodation Leasing	95,989	30,393,635	39,395,951	69,885,575
Aircharter and freight	6,593,770	364,572	356,907	7,315,249
Detention Services	25,005,672	35,344,246	56,108,988	116,458,906
DIAC staff costs and allowances	8,053,236	5,605	2,804,158	10,862,999
Client Support and Health Services	11,184,995	21,296,971	14,263,239	46,745,205
Interpreters	12,370,744	93,624	225	12,464,593
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	2,803,328	529,513	2,325,277	5,658,118
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>66,107,734</b>	<b>88,028,166</b>	<b>115,254,745</b>	<b>269,390,645</b>

\* Berrimah house APOD included in Northern IDC costs

The cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory between July 2012 and February 2013 is as follows:

Item Description	NORTHERN IDC Actual Costs \$	DARWIN Airport Lodge Actual Costs \$	WICKHAM POINT Actual Costs \$	Total Actual Costs \$
Accommodation Leasing	0	21,076,240	30,209,974	51,286,213
Australian Red Cross	23,740	31,000	15,904	70,644
Charter Freight and Travel	8,673,611	699,660	1,018,755	10,392,026
Contractors/Consultants	4,950	220,111	0	225,061
Detention Operational	0	1,950,860	0	1,950,860
Detention Services	11,126,785	29,141,133	82,133,996	122,401,914
Emergency Services	3,980,852	4,620,632	7,898,516	16,500,000
Health Services	8,120,680	11,027,246	13,434,368	32,582,294
IMA Education	0	18,422	144,576	162,998
Interpreting Services	11,561,539	8,121	938	11,570,598
IT and Communications	290,063	123,149	227,295	640,507
Motor Vehicle Expenses	108,805	4,137	64,862	177,804
Property	1,994,443	0	17,932,637	19,927,081
DIAC Staff Costs	3,795,452	5,349	310,465	4,111,265
DIAC Staff Salaries	3,305,800	1,188,561	2,066,707	6,561,068
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>52,986,719</b>	<b>70,114,621</b>	<b>155,458,994</b>	<b>278,560,334</b>

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

There was no fixed budget for operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory in 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 Northern IDC was 309.

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

Time in Detention	Northern Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 90 days	126
91 + days	183

Age Group	Northern Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 17 Years	2
18 to 35 Years	265
36 + years	42

Gender	Northern Immigration Detention Centre
Male	309
Female	0

Nationality	Northern Immigration Detention Centre
Afghanistan	*
Bangladesh	95
Burma	*
Claimed Stateless	16
India	*
Indonesia	64
Iran	19
Iraq	*
Nepal	*
Pakistan	*
Sri Lanka	97

Release Type **	Northern Immigration Detention Centre
Bridging Visa	7
Protection Visa	40
Community Detention	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

As at cob 11 February 2013 the number of IMAs accommodated in Darwin Airport Lodge was 531.

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

Time in Detention	Darwin Airport Lodge
0 to 90 days	128
91 + days	403

Age Group	Darwin Airport Lodge
0 to 17 Years	212
18 to 35 Years	237
36 + years	82

Gender	Darwin Airport Lodge
Male	305
Female	226

Nationality	Darwin Airport Lodge
Afghanistan	27
Bangladesh	*
Burma	29
Claimed Stateless	135
India	*
Indonesia - non crew	*
Iran	112
Iraq	34
Mongolia	*
Myanmar	18
Nepal	*
Pakistan	*
Palestine	*
Sri Lanka	141
Turkey	*
Vietnam	*

Release Type**	Darwin Airport Lodge
Bridging Visa	320
Protection Visa	135
Community Detention	775

Based on operational data as at COB 11 February 2013

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As at cob 11 February 2013 the number of IMAs accommodated in Wickham Point IDC was 821.

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

Time in Detention	Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 90 days	329
91 + days	492

Age Group	Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre
0 to 17 Years	0
18 to 35 Years	649
36 + years	172

Gender	Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre
Male	821

<b>Female</b>	0
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<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	206
<b>Albania</b>	*
<b>Bangladesh</b>	79
<b>Burma</b>	*
<b>Claimed stateless</b>	71
<b>India</b>	*
<b>Iran</b>	30
<b>Iraq</b>	14
<b>Myanmar</b>	*
<b>Nepal</b>	*
<b>Not Yet Known</b>	*
<b>Pakistan</b>	16
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	386
<b>Sudan</b>	*

<b>Release Type**</b>	<b>Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre</b>
<b>Bridging Visa</b>	1434
<b>Protection Visa</b>	379
<b>Community Detention</b>	8

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