

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0393) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many asylum seekers are currently detained in Leonora by their 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 number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Leonora was 78.

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

Time in Detention	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
0 to 90 days	0
90 + days	78

Age Group	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
0 to 17 Years	20
18 to 35 Years	37
36 + years	21

Gender	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Male	39
Female	39

Nationality	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Afghanistan	13
Belarus	*
Claimed Stateless	*
Iran	43
Iraq	*
Pakistan	*
Palestine	*
Syria	*

Release Type	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Bridging Visa E	3
Protection Visa	15
Community Detention	367

*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*

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.