

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0440) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many cases of TB have been detected in 2012/2013 to date and in what locations for: (a) IMAs in immigration detention facilities (IDCs, APODs, community detention) (b) IMAs granted Bridging Visas. (c) Detention facility staff or case workers for people in the community

*Answer:*

From 1 July to 31 December 2012, there were (a) 20 new cases of active tuberculosis (TB) identified amongst Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) in Immigration Detention Facilities and none in community detention. At the time of diagnosis these IMAs were located in the following locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. IMAs</b>
Brisbane ITA	1
Christmas Island IDFs	10
Curtin IDC	1
Darwin Airport Lodge APOD	1
Northern IDC	2
Perth IDC	4
Wickham Point IDC	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20</b>

(b) Where IHMS advises that a client has active TB, they are not considered for Bridging Visa grant.

(c) There has been one detention facility staff member detected with active TB. The department has been advised that the staff member did not contract TB from an IMA (refer to the department's response to AE13/0438).