

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/083) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Singh (L&CA 111) asked:

Senator SINGH: You might need to take this on notice: can you provide a breakdown of the capacity and surge capacity of each of the offshore detention centres, including ones that may be earmarked for proposed closure.

Mr M Cahill: Onshore?

Senator SINGH: Yes, onshore.

Mr M Cahill: I can.

Senator SINGH: And how many are not operational?

Mr M Cahill: Yes, I can give you those points.

Senator SINGH: Obviously we know that in my home state Pontville is not operational.

Mr M Cahill: Currently we have 19 sites that comprise the onshore detention network. On top of that there are four in the last stages of closure, which the secretary referred to in his opening remarks this morning. Officially, while they have no detainees in them, they are in the last moment of closure, so there are another 19 left. I can either go through every facility of those 19 line by line or put that on notice for you.

Senator SINGH: On notice, I think, because of time. On notice would be fine.

Answer:

Including Berrimah House Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) which is located on the same site as the Northern Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), there are 19 sites that comprise the onshore immigration detention network.

As at 25 February 2014, the operational capacity and contingency capacity of these sites are as follows:

Immigration Detention Facility	Regular Operational Capacity	Contingency Capacity
Villawood IDC	379	480
Sydney IRH	24	48
Maribyrnong IDC	56	99
Melbourne ITA	372	448
Perth IDC	27	42
Perth IRH	11	16
Curtin IDC	1200	1500
Yongah Hill IDC	600	636

Wickham Point IDC and APOD	1770	1900
Northern IDC and APOD	570	715
• Berrimah House APOD	16	32
Blaydin APOD	1000	1000
Darwin Airport Lodge APOD	583	920
Brisbane ITA	40	74
Adelaide ITA	19	46
Inverbrackie APOD	380	400
Christmas Island IDC	400	1100
Lilac and Aqua APOD	350	600
Construction Camp APOD	200	310
Phosphate Hill APOD	144	714
TOTAL	8141	11 080

The following onshore detention facilities are not operational and officially closed on 28 February 2014:

- Scherger Immigration Detention Centre
- Pontville Alternative Place of Detention
- Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing
- Leonora Alternative Place of Detention Centre.