

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE****BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(166) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Ludwig (L&amp;C 106) asked:

In relation to question no. 51 from the February estimates hearing, could you break it down a little further than you have in the table that you have provided so that we can perhaps understand the figures a bit better. For example, what is the number of detainees that a centre like Villawood has, as against Christmas Island? Could you break it down to the operational costs and/or security costs that also impact upon the different figure? Unfortunately, the way it is expressed gives a different view, perhaps, from what you might say the position on the ground is.

*Answer:*

Operational costs include payments made under the contract for managing the detention centres.

Other costs include departmental expenses such as those for telephones, interpreting costs, employees, travel, motor vehicles, depreciation and other administrative costs.

<b>Centres</b>	<b>Cost Breakdown (Financial YTD 31 May 2006)</b>	<b>Total Cost to the Commonwealth</b>	<b>Detainee Days (Financial YTD 31 May 2006)</b>	<b>Average number of Detainees</b>
<b>Villawood</b>		<b>\$24,108,378</b>	<b>101,276</b>	<b>302</b>
Operational Costs	\$24,059,831			
Other	\$48,547			
<b>Maribyrnong</b>		<b>\$5,509,293</b>	<b>18,170</b>	<b>54</b>
Operational Costs	\$5,509,293			
<b>Perth</b>		<b>\$4,642,854</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>24</b>
Operational Costs	\$4,642,239			
Other	\$514			
<b>Darwin</b>		<b>\$3,836,721</b>	<b>6,614</b>	<b>19</b>
Operational Costs	\$3,836,721			
Other				
<b>Baxter</b>		<b>\$24,560,624</b>	<b>79,282</b>	<b>236</b>
Operational Costs	\$23,439,501			
Other	\$1,121,123			
<b>Christmas Island</b>		<b>\$4,579,540</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>7</b>
Operational Costs	\$4,383,355			
Other	\$196,185			

