

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0444) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What will be the detention capacity on the mainland once the centres have been completed and the extensions to existing facilities completed?

Answer:

The Department needs to respond to the dynamic detention population in a flexible manner. As a result of this, the Department utilises a range of options including Immigration Detention Centres (IDC), Immigration Residential Housing (IRH), Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) and Alternative Places of Detention (APOD).

As at 30 June 2011, the table below shows the operational and contingency capacity for those facilities on the mainland.

Detention facility (*)	Operational Capacity	Contingency capacity
Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)		
Christmas Island IDC	400	1116
Curtin IDC	1200	1500
Maribyrnong IDC, Melbourne	56	99
Northern IDC, Darwin	536	554
Perth IDC	27	42
Scherger IDC, QLD	300	596
Villawood IDC, Sydney	394	485
Immigration Residential Housing (IRH)		
Perth IRH	11	16
Port Augusta IRH, SA	58	64

Sydney IRH	24	48
Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA)		
Adelaide ITA	12	25
Brisbane ITA	28	58
Melbourne ITA	130	144
Alternative Place of Detention (APOD)		
Ascot Quays, WA (**)	n/a	n/a
Asti Motel, NT (^)	0	0
Aqua/Lilac	600	600
Banksia Tourist Park, WA (^)	10	10
Berrimah House, NT	12	16
Botanic Gardens, NT (**)	n/a	n/a
Britton Street, SA (**)	n/a	n/a
Construction Camp, Christmas Island	200	310
Darwin Airport Lodge, NT	-	435
Gwalia Lodge, WA	210	210
Inverbrackie APOD, SA	350	400
Jandakot Airport Chalets, WA	-	23
Phosphate Hill, Christmas Island	48	168
Virginia Palms (^)	0	0
Willare Road House (**)	n/a	n/a

(*) This does not include those placed in Community Detention.

(**) These sites are short term and numbers varied depending on operational requirements.

(^) These sites are now closed.