

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0071) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained there by 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:*

It is anticipated that the Villawood direct operational costs for the 2011-12 financial year will be as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>
Accommodation Leasing	3,893
Aircharter and freight	245,626
Detention Services	35,119,643
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1,788,660
Client Support and Health Services	7,019,555
Interpreters	1,478,404
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1,527,814
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>47,183,595</b>

These figures will be confirmed once the Department's 2011-12 financial statements have been completed and signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.

The budget estimate of costs for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals for the 2012-13 financial year is \$1,003 million – see page 57 of the 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements. This covers costs beyond the operation of the Villawood detention facilities.

As at close of business 21 May 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Villawood IDC was 52.

Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender and country of origin.

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	-
91 to 180 days	6
181 to 270 days	1
271 to 360 days	1
365 + days	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	-
18 to 25 years	11
26 to 35 years	26
36 to 45 years	8
46+ years	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

Gender	Number
Adult Male	52
Adult Female	-
Accompanied Minor	-
Unaccompanied Minor	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	11
Sri Lanka	8
Pakistan	-
Iran	9
Iraq	6
Claimed Stateless	10
Other	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

During the period 10 February 2011 to close of business 21 May 2012:

- 43 IMAs were placed in the community under residence determination from Villawood IDC;
- 94 IMAs were released on protection visas from Villawood IDC; and
- 34 IMAs were released from Villawood IDC Immigration detention facilities on a bridging visa.

Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 10 February 2011.