

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0072) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Inverbrackie in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital 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 Inverbrackie direct operational costs for the 2011-12 financial year will be as follows:

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Aircharter and freight	1,063,792
Detention Services	29,176,569
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1,505,468
Client Support and Health Services	9,435,601
Interpreters	2,309,255
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1,036,385
Total Cost	44,527,070

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.

In addition for the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been \$1,474,465 in capital expenditure. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings and equipment;
- installation of fencing, security, IT, data and buildings; and
- refurbishment of defence houses.

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 Inverbrackie detention facilities.

As at close of business 21 May 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) was 215.

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

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	2
91 to 180 days	197
181 to 270 days	16
271 to 360 days	-
365 + days	-
Total	215

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	79
18 to 25 years	27
26 to 35 years	59
36 to 45 years	35
46+ years	15
Total	215

Gender	Number
Adult Male	60
Adult Female	76
Accompanied Minor	79
Unaccompanied Minor	-
Total	215

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	45
Sri Lanka	35
Pakistan	13
Iran	89
Iraq	8
Claimed Stateless	13
Other	12
Total	215

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

- 1054 IMAs were placed into community detention from Inverbrackie APOD;
- 223 IMAs were released on protection visas from Inverbrackie APOD; and
- 20 IMAs were released from Inverbrackie APOD Immigration detention facilities on a bridging visa.

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