

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0074) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

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

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Accommodation Leasing	168,480
Aircharter and freight	1,224
Detention Services	4,871,011
Client Support and Health Services	178,006
Interpreters	29
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	4,919
Total Cost	5,223,669

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.

For the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been no capital expenditure.
For the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been no expenditure on repairs.

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 Jandakot detention facilities.

No IMAs have been accommodated at Jandakot Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) since 17 October 2011.

From 10 February 2011 to close of business 17 October 2011:

- No IMAs were placed into community detention from Jandakot APOD.
- 15 IMAs were released on protection visas from Jandakot APOD.
- No IMAs had been released from Jandakot APOD on a bridging visa.

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