

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0077) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each of the facilities 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 Northern Territory centres direct operational costs for the 2011-12 financial year will be as follows:

| | Northern IDC* | Darwin Airport Lounge | Wickham Point | Total |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Item Description | Actual Costs (\$) | Actual Costs (\$) | Actual Costs (\$) | Actual Costs (\$) |
| Accommodation Leasing | 95,989 | 30,393,635 | 39,395,951 | 69,885,575 |
| Aircharter and freight | 6,593,770 | 364,572 | 356,907 | 7,315,249 |
| Detention Services | 25,005,672 | 35,344,246 | 56,108,988 | 116,458,906 |
| DIAC staff costs and allowances | 8,053,236 | 5,605 | 2,804,158 | 10,862,999 |
| Client Support and Health Services | 11,184,995 | 21,296,971 | 14,263,239 | 46,745,205 |
| Interpreters | 12,370,744 | 93,624 | 225 | 12,464,593 |
| IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses | 2,803,328 | 529,513 | 2,325,277 | 5,658,118 |
| Total Cost | 66,107,734 | 88,028,166 | 115,254,745 | 269,390,645 |

*Includes costs for Berrimah House.

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 Northern Territory detention facilities.

As at close of business 21 May 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Northern Territory immigration detention facilities was 1340.
 - 76 at Northern Immigration Detention Centre (IDC);
 - 851 at Wickham Point IDC;
 - 6 at Berrimah House APOD;
 - 76 at DAL Stage 3 Alternative Place of Detention (APOD); and
 - 331 at Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD.

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

| Time in detention | Berrimah House Alternate Place Of Detention | Northern Immigration Detention Centre | Darwin APOD – Airport Lodge | DAL Stage 3 APOD | Wickham Point IDC | Total |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 to 90 days | - | 10 | 141 | - | 421 | 572 |
| 91 to 180 days | 1 | 25 | 131 | 51 | 415 | 623 |
| 181 to 270 days | 3 | 8 | 15 | 2 | 14 | 42 |
| 271 to 360 days | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 365 + days | 1 | 27 | 43 | 19 | | 90 |
| Total | 6 | 76 | 331 | 76 | 851 | 1340 |

| Age group | Berrimah House Alternate Place Of Detention | Northern Immigration Detention Centre | Darwin APOD – Airport Lodge | DAL Stage 3 APOD | Wickham Point IDC | Total |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 to 17 years | 1 | - | 124 | - | - | 125 |
| 18 to 25 years | 2 | 31 | 64 | 33 | 284 | 414 |
| 26 to 35 years | 3 | 28 | 89 | 30 | 348 | 498 |
| 36 to 45 years | - | 9 | 35 | 10 | 146 | 200 |
| 46+ years | - | 8 | 19 | 3 | 73 | 103 |
| Total | 6 | 76 | 331 | 76 | 851 | 1340 |

| Gender | Berrimah House Alternate Place Of Detention | Northern Immigration Detention Centre | Darwin APOD – Airport Lodge | DAL Stage 3 APOD | Wickham Point IDC | Total |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Adult Male | 5 | 76 | 106 | 76 | 851 | 1114 |
| Adult Female | - | - | 101 | - | - | 101 |
| Accompanied Minor | - | - | 93 | - | - | 93 |
| Unaccompanied Minor | 1 | - | 31 | - | - | 32 |
| Total | 6 | 76 | 331 | 76 | 851 | 1340 |

| Nationality | Berrimah House Alternate Place Of Detention | Northern Immigration Detention Centre | Darwin APOD – Airport Lodge | DAL Stage 3 APOD | Wickham Point IDC | Total |
|--------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Afghanistan | - | 18 | 45 | 22 | 493 | 578 |
| Sri Lanka | - | - | - | 21 | - | 21 |
| Pakistan | - | 3 | 8 | - | 57 | 68 |
| Iran | - | 18 | 112 | 17 | 102 | 249 |
| Iraq | - | 4 | 30 | 2 | 117 | 153 |
| Claimed Stateless | - | 4 | 47 | 5 | 54 | 110 |
| Other | 6 | 29 | 89 | 9 | 28 | 161 |
| Total | 6 | 76 | 331 | 76 | 851 | 1340 |

As at close of business 21 May 2012:

- 467 IMAs had been released from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities on a bridging visa.
 - 279 from Wickham Point IDC;
 - 98 from Northern IDC;
 - 12 from Darwin APOD Airport Lodge; and
 - 78 from DAL Stage 3.

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

- 1010 IMAs have transferred into community detention from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities.
 - 9 from Wickham Point IDC;
 - 121 from Northern IDC;
 - 12 from Darwin Stage 3 APOD;
 - 139 from Darwin Asti APOD; and
 - 729 from Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD.

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

- 763 IMAs have been released on protection visas from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities.
 - 1 from Wickham Point IDC;
 - 434 from Northern IDC;
 - 10 from DAL Stage 3 APOD;
 - 30 from Darwin Asti APOD; and
 - 288 from Darwin Airport Lodge Stage 1 & 2 APOD.

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