

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0078) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Broadmeadows 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 Broadmeadows direct operational costs for the 2011-12 financial year will be as follows:

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Aircharter and freight	20,616
Detention Services	10,580,251
DIAC staff costs and allowances	616,882
Client Support and Health Services	2,927,343
Interpreters	1,250,270
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1,553,497
Total Cost	16,948,859

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 \$3,904,919 in capital expenditure. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings, equipment and vehicles;
- building works.
- installation of new buildings.

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 Broadmeadows detention facilities.

As at close of business 21 May 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Melbourne ITA was 60.

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

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	7
91 to 180 days	23
181 to 270 days	2
271 to 360 days	-
365 + days	28
Total	60

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	-
18 to 25 years	21
26 to 35 years	22
36 to 45 years	12
46+ years	5
Total	60

Gender	Number
Adult Male	60
Adult Female	-
Accompanied Minor	-
Unaccompanied Minor	-
Total	60

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	28
Sri Lanka	14
Pakistan	3
Iran	4
Iraq	4
Claimed Stateless	4
Other	3
Total	60

From 10 February 2011 to close of business 21 May 2012:

- 203 IMAs were placed into community detention from Melbourne ITA;
- 160 IMAs were released on protection visas from Melbourne ITA; and
- 45 IMAs were released from Melbourne ITA on a bridging visa.

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