

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0351) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

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:

As at 28 May 2013, The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Christmas Island was 2515.

Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender, country of origin and numbers released into the community.

Male

Age	Location				TOTAL
	North West Point	Lilac Aqua APOD	Construction Camp APOD	Phosphate Hill APOD	
0 to 17	0	206	86	93	385
18 to 34	716	100	37	236	1089
35 +	156	74	25	78	333
TOTAL	872	380	148	407	1807

Female

Age	Location				TOTAL
	North West Point	Lilac Aqua APOD	Construction Camp APOD	Phosphate Hill APOD	
0 to 17	0	108	64	55	227
18 to 34	0	164	58	117	339
35 +	0	71	23	48	142
TOTAL	0	343	145	220	708

Country of Origin	Days in Detention on Christmas Island

	0-90	91-180	181-365	366+
AFGHANISTAN	133	0	0	0
ALBANIA	*	0	0	0
BANGLADESH	*	0	0	0
MYANMAR	*	0	0	0
CONGO	*	0	0	0
CYPRUS	*	0	0	0
ERITREA	*	0	0	0
ETHIOPIA	*	0	0	0
GAMBIA	*	0	0	0
INDIA	*	0	0	0
INDONESIA	85	*	0	0
IRAN	796	0	0	0
IRAQ	95	0	0	0
LEBANON	*	0	0	0
MALI	*	0	0	0
MOLDOVA	*	0	0	0
PAKISTAN	62	0	0	0
PALESTINE	41	0	0	0
SOMALIA	23	0	0	0
SRI LANKA	868	*	0	0
CLAIMED STATELESS	165	0	0	0
SUDAN	62	0	0	0
SYRIA	25	0	0	0
VIETNAM	100	*	0	0
YEMEN	*	0	0	0
TOTAL	2509	6	0	0

Based on systems data as at COB 28 May 2013

** Due to privacy reasons all nationalities with less than 10 people have been represented as an asterix.*

Between 1 July 2012 and 28 May 2013 the following IMAs were released directly from detention on Christmas Island:

Bridging Visa	0
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Protection Visa	0
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Community Detention	68
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There is no specific budget allocated for Christmas Island in the 2012-13 financial year. These costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of IMAs. The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.