

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0369) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Jandakot, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained there by age, gender and country of origin? How many have been released on a bridging visa- into community detention or given a permanent visa? What was the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

The total operating cost of detention at Jandakot from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was approximately \$5.22 million.

The table below details Jandakot costs for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Item Description	Amount
Accommodation leasing	\$168,480
Air charter and freight	\$1,224
Detention Services (Serco)	\$4,871,011
Client Support and Health Services	\$178,006
Interpreters	\$29
IT, communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	\$4,919
TOTAL	\$5,223,669

No capital expenditure or repair costs were incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

There were no operating costs and no capital expenditure incurred after July 2012.

Jandakot Alternative Place of Detention ceased operations on 2 November 2011.

The budgeted costs to maintain and operate the centre are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (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.