

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (BE13/0375) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Northam, 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 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?

*Answer:*

The total operating cost of detention at Northam from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$74.90 million.

The table below details Northam costs for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Detention Services (Serco)	\$70,615,100
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$285,093
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$3,716,208
IT & Communications	\$158,082
Motor Vehicle	\$81,744
Community Based Support Services	\$17,141
Contractors/Consultants	\$24,394
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,897,762</b>

There has been \$2,567,486 in capital expenditure from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. Works undertaken included the purchase of furniture, furnishings and equipment, security comprising fencing and CCTV, purchase and installation of buildings, installation of recreational facilities and project management.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in the IT & Communications, Motor Vehicle and Property expenditure detailed in the above table.

The total operating cost of detention at Northam from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$5.32 million.

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

<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Detention Services (Serco)	\$4,206,215
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$832,777
Other	*\$276,069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,315,061</b>

\*Includes property costs, IT & telecommunications and motor vehicle expenses.

There has been \$168,110,611 in capital expenditure from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, predominately relating to the initial completion of the facility.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in 'Other' in the above table.

As at close of business 28 May 2013:

The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Northam was 502.

<b>Time in Detention</b>	<b>Number</b>
0 to 90 days	384
91 + days	118
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Number</b>
0 to 17 Years	0
18 to 35 Years	398
36 + years	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number</b>
Male	502
Female	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Number</b>
AFGHANISTAN	141
BANGLADESH	13
INDIA	*
IRAN	155
IRAQ	17
KUWAIT	*
LEBANON	15
PAKISTAN	68
SRI LANKA	57

CLAIMED STATELESS	*
SUDAN	27
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>

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

During the period 1 July 2012 to close of business 28 May 2013:

- 2,307 IMAs were released from Northam on bridging visas;
- 19 IMAs were placed into community detention from Northam; and
- 3 IMAs were released on Protection Visas from Northam.