

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE13/0379) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the current operational and contingency capacity at Darwin? Has capacity been exceeded in 2012-13? If so, when and for how long?

*Answer:*

As at 28 May 2013 the published operational and contingency capacity for each facility in Darwin is as follows:

<b>Immigration detention facility</b>	<b>Operational capacity</b>	<b>Contingency capacity</b>
Berrimah House APOD	16	16
Darwin Airport Lodge APOD	585	762
Northern IDC	456	554
Wickham Point IDC	1410	1410
Wickham Point APOD	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>2967</b>	<b>3242</b>

Client numbers are continuously monitored and adjusted across the immigration detention network to ensure accommodation needs are met. If a centre exceeds published operational capacity it moves into contingency capacity. Specific details on the duration a centre may have exceeded operational capacity are not available as it would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to extract the information.