

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0382) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many asylum seekers are currently detained there [Leonora] 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 CoB 28 May 2013, the number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals accommodated in Leonora was 198.

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

Time in Detention	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
0 to 90 days	151
> 90 days < 6 months	33
6 Months +	14
Total	198

Age Group	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
0 to 17 Years	84
18 to 35 Years	68
36 + years	46
Total	198

Gender	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Male	97
Female	101
Total	198

Nationality	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Afghanistan	28
Palestinian Authority	*
Iran	119

Iraq	21
Pakistan	*
Claimed Stateless	17
Total	198

Release Type	Leonora Alternative Place of Detention
Bridging Visa	449
Protection Visa	13
Community Detention	407

Based on operational data as at COB 28 May 2013

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

*** Numbers are for 2012-2013 financial year*

There is no specific budget allocated for Leonora in the 2012-13 financial year. These costs 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.