

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0393) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many asylum seekers have been released under community detention arrangements in total in 2012-13 thus far? How many asylum seekers being released under community detention arrangements is the budget for 2012-13 based on?

Answer:

As of 28 May 2013, 3368 asylum seekers had been placed in Community Detention arrangements 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.