

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(29) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator's Hanson-Young and Barnett (L&C 68 and 94) asked:

In relation to the costs of IDCs on the mainland, provide a figure that indicates the cost of running each centre over the course of the year, and provide some information as to the average number of people in any particular centre.

To the best of your ability, provide a breakdown of those costs per detention centre.

Answer:

The Department's mainland immigration detention network consists of a range of facilities of differing structure, location and capacity. Each facility has a different cost structure and the costs fluctuate depending on the numbers of people in detention in that facility.

The cost structures will also change as the Department completes the roll out of its new detention services contracts. This process is expected to be in place across the network by end January 2010.

The total costs for mainland Immigration Detention Centres for FY 2008 – 2009 are set out in the table below:

**Mainland Immigration Detention Centres
Fixed and Variable Costs
FY 2008 – 2009**

Facility	Total
Darwin IDC	\$13.7m
Maribyrnong IDC	\$12.3m
Perth IDC	\$7.2m
Villawood IDC	\$32.0m

The occupancy levels for mainland Detention Centres fluctuated during FY 2008 – 2009 as set out in the table below:

**Mainland Immigration Detention Centres
Occupancy Levels
FY 2008 - 2009**

Facility	Low	High
Darwin IDC	0	52
Maribyrnong IDC	23	82
Perth IDC	0	25
Villawood IDC	110	222