

CIQUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0478) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Inverbrackie, in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital 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? What is the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

The cost of operating the Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention in 2011-2012 is as follows:

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Aircharter and freight	1 063 792
Detention Services	29 176 569
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1 505 468
Client Support and Health Services	9 435 601
Interpreters	2 309 255
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1 036 385
Total Cost	44 527 070

In addition for the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been \$1 474 465 in capital expenditure. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings and equipment
- installation of fencing, security, IT, data and buildings
- refurbishment of accommodation.

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) was 295.

Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender and country of origin.

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	228
91 + days	67
Total	295

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	84
18 to 35 years	138
36 + years	73
Total	295

Gender	Number
Male	151
Female	144
Total	295

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	12
Sri Lanka	38
Iran	215
Other	30
Total	295

According to DIAC operational data*;

During the period 28 January 2011 to cob 15 October 2012:

- 1629 IMAs were placed into community detention from Inverbrackie APOD
- 237 IMAs were released on protection visas from Inverbrackie APOD
- 96 IMAs were released on a bridging visa from Inverbrackie APOD.

* Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 28 January 2011.

There is no specific budget allocated for the Inverbrackie APOD in the 2012-13 financial year.