

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0497) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each of the facilities 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 centres in 2012-13?

Answer:

The cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory in 2011-2012 is as follows:

	Northern IDC & Berrimah House APOD	Darwin Airport Lounge APOD	Wickham Point IDC
Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)	Actual Costs (\$)	Actual Costs (\$)
Accommodation Leasing	95 989	30 393 635	39 395 951
Aircharter and freight	6 593 770	364 572	356 907
Detention Services	25 005 672	35 344 246	56 108 988
DIAC staff costs and allowances	8 053 236	5 605	2 804 158
Client Support and Health Services	11 184 995	21 296 971	14 263 239
Interpreters	12 370 744	93 624	225
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	2 803 328	529 513	2 325 277
Total Cost	66 107 734	88 028 166	115 254 745

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Northern Territory immigration detention facilities was 2079:
 - 392 at Northern Immigration Detention Centre (IDC);
 - 1265 at Wickham Point IDC;
 - 422 at Darwin Airport Lodge APOD; and
 - 0 at Berrimah House APOD.

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

Time in detention	Northern Immigration Detention Centre	Darwin Airport Lodge	Wickham Point IDC	Berrimah House APOD
0 to 90 days	309	179	247	0
91 + days	83	243	1018	0
Total	392	422	1265	0

Age group	Northern Immigration Detention Centre	Darwin Airport Lodge	Wickham Point IDC	Berrimah House APOD
0 to 17 years	0	151	0	0
18 to 35 years	305	80	1001	0
36 + years	87	191	264	0
Total	392	422	1265	0

Gender	Northern Immigration Detention Centre	Darwin Airport Lodge	Wickham Point IDC	Berrimah House APOD
Male	392	284	1265	0
Female	0	138	0	0
Total	392	422	1265	0

Nationality	Northern Immigration Detention Centre	Darwin Airport Lodge	Wickham Point IDC	Berrimah House APOD
Afghanistan	93	51	168	0
Sri Lanka	143	57	856	0
Pakistan	27	5	84	0
Iran	51	128	91	0
Iraq	10	28	8	0
Other	68	153	58	0
Total	392	422	1265	0

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- 1137 IMAs had been released from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities on a bridging visa;
- 1010 IMAs have transferred into community detention from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities; and
- 1105 IMAs have been released on protection visas from Northern Territory immigration detention facilities.

* Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 22 April 2010.

There is no specific budget allocated for the Northern Territory Immigration Detention Facilities in the 2012-13 financial year.