

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0501) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Leonora: 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, gone into community detention or been given a permanent visa? What is the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- The number of irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Leonora Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) was 75.

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

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	34
91 + days	41
Total	75

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	73
18 + years	2*
Total	75

Gender	Number
Male	75
Female	0
Total	75

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	60
Claimed Stateless and Other	15
Total	75

* There have been two clients who have turned 18 since being accommodated at the Leonora APOD. Due to their vulnerabilities these clients were referred in October 2012 for possible placement in community detention.

According to DIAC operational data**;

During the period 11 May 2011 to cob 15 October 2012:

- 659 IMAs were placed into community detention from Leonora APOD;
- 85 IMAs were released on protection visas from Leonora APOD; and
- 3 IMAs were released from Leonora APOD on a bridging visa.

** Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 11 May 2011.

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