

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0633A) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood, in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Villawood, in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those 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 Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (VIDC) and Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (SIRH) in 2011-2012 is as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>VIDC Actual Costs (\$)</b>	<b>SIRH Actual Costs (\$)</b>
Accommodation Leasing	3 893	0
Air charter and freight	245 626	0
Detention Services	35 119 643	3 605 029
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1 788 660	0
Client Support and Health Services	7 019 555	645 678
Interpreters	1 478 404	1 429
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1 527 814	5 571
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>47 183 595</b>	<b>4 257 707</b>

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in VIDC was 119.
- The number of IMAs accommodated in SIRH was 17.

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

Time in detention	VIDC	SIRH
	Number	Number
0 to 90 days	55	0
91 + days	64	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>17</b>

Age group	VIDC	SIRH
	Number	Number
0 to 17 years	0	5
18 to 35 years	96	6
36 + years	23	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>17</b>

Gender	VIDC	SIRH
	Number	Number
Adult Male	118	8
Adult Female	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>12</b>

Nationality	VIDC	SIRH
	Number	Number
Afghanistan	13	0
Sri Lanka	70	0
Iran	11	0
Other	25	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>17</b>

According to DIAC operational data\*;

During the period 27 May 2010 to cob 15 October 2012:

- 86 IMAs were placed in the community under residence determination from VIDC;
- two IMAs were placed in the community under residence determination from SIRH;
- 188 IMAs were released on protection visas from VIDC;
- 37 IMAs were released on protection visas from SIRH;
- 46 IMAs were released on a bridging visa from VIDC; and
- 0 IMAs were released on a bridging visa from SIRH.

\* Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 27 May 2010.

There is no specific budget allocated for the VIDC or SIRH in the 2012-13 financial year.