

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0381) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash 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; into community detention or given a permanent visa? What is the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

Answer:

As at cob 21 May 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Leonora APOD was 136. All were male.

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

Time in detention	Number
0 to 90 days	49
91 to 180 days	86
181 to 270 days	1
271 to 360 days	-
365 + days	-
Total	136

Age group	Number
0 to 17 years	129
18 to 25 years	7
26 to 35 years	-
36 to 45 years	-
46+ years	-
Total	136

Nationality	Number
Afghanistan	120
Pakistan	10
Iran	1
Iraq	4
Claimed Stateless	1
Total	136

According to DIAC operational data*;

During the period 10 February 2011 to cob 21 May 2012:

- 449 IMAs were placed in the community under residence determination from Leonora APOD
- 90 IMAs were released on protection visas from Leonora APOD
- One IMA who had recently turned 18 was released from Leonora APOD on a bridging visa

* Data relating to locations of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 10 February 2011.

The budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13 is \$14,027,065.