

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(52) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

For each detention centre:

1. How many detainees are currently housed there?
2. What is the cost of operating the centre?
3. What is the average length of detention per person at this centre?
4. How many self-harm incidents have been reported at the centre?
5. Provide the number of asylum seekers or protection visa applicants currently in detention.

Answer:

1. Number of Detainees by Detention Centre as at 17 February 2006

Detention Centre	No. of Detainees
Baxter IDF	132
Villawood IDC	257
Maribyrnong IDC	57
Perth IDC	15
Christmas Island IRPC	26
Darwin facility	50

2. Operating Costs of Immigration Detention Centres

DETENTION COSTS 2004-05	
Centres	Expenses
Baxter IDF	\$27,074,730
Villawood IDC	\$25,238,905
Maribyrnong IDC	\$7,497,437
Perth IDC	\$4,703,790
Christmas Island IRPC	\$6,859,375
* Darwin facility	\$0

* Darwin facility not operational during 2004-05.

Current Detainees by Length of Detention as at 17 February 2006

Length of Detention	Baxter IDF	Villawood IDC	Maribyrnong IDC	Perth IDC	Christmas Island IRPC	Darwin facility
< 1 week	nil	8	5	1	nil	44
< 1 month	26	29	31	1	nil	6
< 3 months	47	36	8	2	23	nil
< 6 months	14	33	8	6	3	nil
< 12 months	16	56	3	2	nil	nil
< 18 months	5	31	1	1	nil	nil
< 2 years	11	27	1	nil	nil	nil
> 2 years	13	37	nil	2	nil	nil

4. Self Harm during 2005–06 (YTD 17 February 2006)

Self harm is defined as self-inflicted injury or the act of causing harm to oneself, such as attempts and acts of cutting the body, voluntary starvation, etc. The table below provides the numbers of incident reports of self harm at each centre from 1 July 2005 to 17 February 2006.

Facility	No. of incident reports of self harm
Baxter IDF	48
Villawood IDC	15
Maribyrnong IDC	7
Perth IDC	2
Christmas Island IRPC	0
Darwin facility	0
Total	72

5. Number of Asylum Seekers in Immigration Detention Centres as at 17 February 2006

Detention Centre	Primary Protection Visa application onhand	Seeking a merits or judicial review of a decision in relation to their PV application
Baxter IDF	9	23
Villawood IDC	4	59
Maribyrnong IDC	2	3
Perth IDC	2	3
Christmas Island IRPC	22	4
Darwin facility	nil	nil