

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(247) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many people are currently detained at the Northern Detention Centre? What is the daily cost per detainee?

Answer:

On 21 February 2011 there were 429 Irregular Maritime Arrivals clients accommodated at the Northern Immigration Detention Centre (NIDC).

The current cost estimates across the detention network are dynamic and are influenced by a range of factors, including the number and rate of arrivals, the processing rate (approvals/rejections), health issues and resultant care requirements.