

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0379) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Broadmeadows, in 2010-2011 and the year to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained there? How many have been released on a bridging visa; into community detention or given a permanent visa?

Answer:

Financial figures are for the 2010-2011 FY and 1 July 2011 to 31 Jan 2012 period.

Melbourne ITA	2010-2011 FY (\$)	YTD 1 Jul 11-31 Jan 12 (\$)
Aircraft Charter Freight and Travel	32,721	12,322
DIAC staff costs and allowances	12,692	17,667
IMA Education	-	3,590
Interpreting Services	516,387	640,701
IT and Communications	27,598	153,556
Misc	1,160,908	10,727
Motor Vehicle Expenses	57,470	133,766
Property	3,035,779	573,638
Staff salaries	613,483	247,978
Detention Services	701,341	5,578,821
health services	2,345,555	1,403,079
IAAAS	-	108,166
IOM / ARC	-	8,183
Total Cost	8,503,933	8,892,195

Capital spend for the financial year 2010/2011 was \$500,489.

Capital spend for the financial year 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012 is \$3,275,141.

According to DIAC operational data as at cob 13 February 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated at Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) was 64.
- Four IMAs had been released from Melbourne ITA on a bridging visa.

According to DIAC operational data, from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012:

- There have been 184 IMAs placed into community detention from Melbourne ITA.
- There have been 152 IMAs released on protection visas from Melbourne ITA.