

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0317) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the average occupancy of the detention network modelled for 2012-13? 2013-14? What was the actual average occupancy in 2011-12?

Answer:

There are three placement options for Irregular Maritime Arrivals:

- Residing in immigration facilities (detention network);
- Residing in the community under Residence Determination arrangements and;
- Residing in the general community on a Bridging Visa E

For planning purposes only, the current estimates incorporate an average occupancy in immigration facilities of 8,368 in 2012-13 and 2,371 in 2013-14.

These numbers are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process.

The actual average occupancy in immigration facilities during the 2011-12 financial year was 5162.