

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0396) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Broadmeadows, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital costs. 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 was the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

*Answer:*

The cost of operating the detention facilities at Broadmeadows (Melbourne ITA) in 2011-2012 was as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Actual Costs (\$)</b>
Air charter and freight	20,616
Detention Services	10,580,251
DIAC staff costs and allowances	616,882
Client Support and Health Services	2,927,343
Interpreters	1,250,270
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	1,553,497
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>16,948,859</b>

The cost of operating the detention facilities at Melbourne ITA between July 2012 and February 2013 was as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>MELBOURNE ITA Actual Cost \$</b>
Australian Red Cross	15,813
Charter Freight and Travel	132,985
Detention Operational	758,686
Detention Services	6,492,922
Health Services	1,682,920
IAAAS	11,807
IT and Communications	5,311
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,090
Property	745,437
DIAC Staff Costs	3,412
DIAC Staff Salaries	473,076
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>10,323,459</b>

*Please note that item grouping has been reverted to be align with requirements from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.*

There was \$3,904,919 in capital expenditure in the 2011-2012 financial year and \$14,963,367 in capital expenditure from July 2012 to February 2013 (predominately relating to the new MITA 3 project). Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings, equipment and vehicles;
- building works; and
- the installation of new buildings.

There is no fixed budget for operating the detention facilities at Broadmeadows in 2012-13. The budget for of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.

As at COB 11 February 2013 the number of IMAs accommodated at Melbourne ITA was 88. Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender, country of origin and numbers released into the community.

<b>Time in Detention</b>	<b>Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>
<b>0 to 90 days</b>	0
<b>91 + days</b>	88

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>
<b>0 to 17 Years</b>	27
<b>18 to 35 Years</b>	46
<b>36 + years</b>	15

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>
<b>Male</b>	88
<b>Female</b>	0

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	11
<b>Burma</b>	*
<b>Claimed Stateless</b>	*
<b>Iran</b>	*
<b>Iraq</b>	*
<b>Pakistan</b>	*
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	59

<b>Release Type**</b>	<b>Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>
<b>Bridging Visa</b>	38
<b>Protection Visa</b>	56
<b>Community Detention</b>	129

*Based on operational data as at COB 11 February 2013*

*\* Due to privacy reasons all nationalities with less than 10 people have been represented as an asterix.*

*\*\* Number are for 2012-2013 financial year*