

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0378) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA Written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities in the Northern Territory by centre, in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? Please provide a breakdown of those costs. How many asylum seekers are currently detained in each of the facilities 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:

Northern IDC (NIDC)

The total operating cost of detention at NIDC from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$56.93 million.

The table below details NIDC costs for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$47,280,416
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$7,107,579
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$2,061,336
IT & Communications	\$347,959
Motor Vehicle	\$102,632
Community Based Support Services	\$27,325
Contractors/Consultants	\$4,950
TOTAL	\$56,932,197

The total operating cost of detention at NIDC from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$66.11 million.

The table below details NIDC costs for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$55,155,181
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$8,053,236
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$95,989
Other	*\$2,803,328
TOTAL	\$66,107,734

*Includes property costs, IT & telecommunications and motor vehicle expenses.

As at close of business on 28 May 2013:

The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals accommodated in NIDC was 424.

Time in Detention	Number
0 to 90 days	386
91 + days	38
TOTAL	424

Age Group	Number
0 to 17 Years	18
18 to 35 Years	340
36 + years	66
TOTAL	424

Gender	Number
Male	424
Female	0
TOTAL	424

Nationality	Number
AFGHANISTAN	*
ALGERIA	*
BANGLADESH	*
MYANMAR	*
INDIA	*
INDONESIA	109
IRAN	116
IRAQ	*
NEPAL	*
PAKISTAN	*
PALESTINE	*
SOMALIA	*
SRI LANKA	*
CLAIMED STATELESS	17
SUDAN	27

VIETNAM	127
TOTAL	424

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

During the period 1 July 2012 to close of business 28 May 2013:

- o 148 IMAs were released from NIDC on bridging visas;
- o No IMAs were placed into community detention from NIDC; and
- o No IMAs were released on protection visa from Villawood IDC.

The budgeted costs to maintain and operate the centre are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of IMAs. The budget for 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.

Darwin Airport Lodge (DAL)

The total operating cost of detention at DAL from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$102.50 million.

The table below details DAL costs for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$70,679,642
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$1,981,137
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$29,436,225
IT & Communications	\$146,281
Motor Vehicle	\$8,858
Community Based Support Services	\$31,867
Contractors/Consultants	\$220,111
TOTAL	\$102,504,121

The total operating cost of detention at DAL from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$88.03 million.

The table below details DAL costs for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$57,099,413
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$30,393,635
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$5,605
Other	*\$529,513
TOTAL	\$88,028,166

*Includes property costs, IT & telecommunications and motor vehicle expenses.

As at close of business on 28 May 2013:
The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals accommodated in DAL was 405.

Time in Detention	Number
0 to 90 days	304
91 + days	101
TOTAL	405

Age Group	Number
to 17 Years	166
18 to 35 Years	190
36 + years	49
TOTAL	405

Gender	Number
Male	196
Female	209
TOTAL	405

Nationality	Number
AFGHANISTAN	15
BANGLADESH	*
MYANMAR	*
INDONESIA	23
IRAN	142
IRAQ	*
SOMALIA	17
SRI LANKA	42
CLAIMED STATELESS	146
TOTAL	405

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During the period 1 July 2012 to close of business 28 May 2013:

- o 438 IMAs were released from DAL on bridging visas;
- o 1162 IMAs were placed into community detention from DAL; and
- o 34 IMAs were released on protection visa from DAL.

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Wickham Point

The total operating cost of detention at Wickham Point from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$216.54 million.

The table below details Wickham Point costs for the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$150,346,076
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$3,856,909
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$61,707,747
IT & Communications	\$276,385
Motor Vehicle	\$94,443
Community Based Support Services	\$164,091
Contractors/Consultants	\$90,081
TOTAL	\$216,535,732

The total operating cost of detention at Wickham Point from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$115.25 million.

The table below details Wickham Point costs for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$70,729,359
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$39,395,951
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$2,804,158
Other	*\$2,325,277
TOTAL	\$115,254,745

* Includes property costs, IT & Telecommunications and motor vehicle expenses.

As at close of business on 28 May 2013:
The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals accommodated at Wickham Point was 1,576.

Time in Detention	Number
0 to 90 days	1401
91 + days	175
TOTAL	1576

Age Group	Number
0 to 17 Years	189
18 to 35 Years	1129
36 + years	258
TOTAL	1576

Gender	Number
Male	1410
Female	166
TOTAL	1576

Nationality	Number
AFGHANISTAN	292
ALBANIA	*
BANGLADESH	72
EGYPT	*
ETHIOPIA	*
INDIA	*
INDONESIA	*
IRAN	451
IRAQ	56
JORDAN	*
LEBANON	*
MYANMAR	*
NEPAL	13
PAKISTAN	154
PALESTINE	*
SOMALIA	10
SRI LANKA	58
CLAIMED STATELESS	209
SUDAN	56
SYRIA	*
VIETNAM	174
TOTAL	1576

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During the period 1 July 2012 to close of business on 28 May 2013:

- 3,049 IMAs were released from Wickham Point on bridging visas;
- 13 IMAs were placed into community detention from Wickham Point;
and
- 8 IMAs were released on protection visa from Wickham Point.

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