

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0385) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

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 total operating cost of detention at Broadmeadows from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 was \$23.61 million.

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

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$20,670,071
Property (lease & maintenance)	\$2,116,367
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$732,565
IT & Communications	\$62,847
Motor Vehicle	\$1,090
Community Based Support Services	\$31,205
TOTAL	\$23,614,145

There has been \$14,579,946 in capital expenditure from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, predominately relating to the new MITA 3 project.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in the IT & Communications, Motor Vehicle and Property expenditure in the above table.

The total operating cost of detention at Broadmeadows from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$16.95 million.

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

Service	Amount
Detention Services (Serco)	\$14,778,480
Staff Costs (DIAC)	\$616,882
Other	*\$1,553,497
TOTAL	16,948,859

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

There was \$3,904,919 in capital expenditure in the 2011-12 financial year. Works undertaken included the purchase of furniture, furnishings, equipment and vehicles and building works.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in 'Other' in the above table.

As at close of business 28 May 2013:

The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Broadmeadows was 345.

Time in Detention	Number
0 to 90 days	169
91 + days	176
TOTAL	345

Age Group	Number
0 to 17 Years	136
18 to 35 Years	137
36 + years	72
TOTAL	345

Gender	Number
Male	209
Female	136
TOTAL	345

Nationality	Number
AFGHANISTAN	39
INDONESIA	*
IRAN	108
IRAQ	14
LEBANON	*
MYANMAR	29
PAKISTAN	*
PALESTINE	10
SRI LANKA	62

CLAIMED STATELESS	69
TOTAL	345

** 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:

- 227 IMAs were released from Broadmeadows on Bridging visas;
- 170 IMAs were placed into community detention from Broadmeadows;
and
- 302 IMAs were released on Protection Visas from Broadmeadows.

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.