

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0482) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Curtin in 2011-12? Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair 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 is the budgeted cost to maintain and operate the centre in 2012-13?

*Answer:*

The cost of operating the Curtin Immigration Detention Centre in 2011-2012 is as follows:

| Item Description  | Actual Costs (\$)  |
|---|--------------------|
| Accommodation Leasing                                   | 1 479 903          |
| Aircharter and freight                                  | 5 508 000          |
| Detention Services                                      | 81 946 995         |
| DIAC staff costs and allowances                         | 14 380 895         |
| Client Support and Health Services                      | 25 520 453         |
| Interpreters  | 13 691 733         |
| IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses | 9 420 483          |
| <b>Total Cost</b>                                       | <b>151 948 462</b> |

Includes ongoing maintenance and repair costs.

In addition for the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been \$12 051 574 in capital expenditure. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings, equipment and vehicles
- upgrade of fencing, security (CCTV upgrade)
- installation of new buildings.

As at cob 15 October 2012:

- The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated in Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) was 1460.

Below is a breakdown by length of time in detention, age, gender and country of origin.

| <b>Time in detention</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 0 to 90 days             | 578           |
| 91 days                  | 882           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>1460</b>   |

| <b>Age group</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|------------------|---------------|
| 0 to 17 years    | -             |
| 18 to 35 years   | 1135          |
| 36 to 46 + years | 325           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1460</b>   |

| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|---------------|---------------|
| Male          | 1460          |
| Female        | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1460</b>   |

| <b>Nationality</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Afghanistan        | 466           |
| Sri Lanka          | 281           |
| Pakistan           | 168           |
| Iran               | 355           |
| Iraq               | 136           |
| Other              | 54            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>1460</b>   |

According to DIAC operational data\*;

During the period 3 November 2010 to cob 15 October 2012:

- 44 IMAs were placed into community detention from Curtin IDC
- 1263 IMAs were released on protection visas from Curtin IDC
- 2414 IMAs were released on a bridging visa from Curtin IDC.

\* Data relating to location of clients prior to release is not readily accessible before 3 November 2010.

There is no specific budget allocated for the Curtin IDC in the 2012-13 financial year.