

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0342) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many people are currently in detention on Christmas Island? • How many of these are women? • How many of these are aged under 18? • How many of these are unaccompanied minors? What is the capacity and surge capacity of each facility on Christmas Island?

Answer:

As at 15 November 2013, there were 2204 detainees on Christmas Island made up of the following cohorts.

Number of detainees on Christmas Island

Facility Group	Adult Male	Adult Female	Accompanied Minor	Unaccompanied Minor	Total
Christmas Island	1390	389	355	70	2204

*Based on DIBP Operational data

Accommodation needs are continuously monitored and adjusted according to operational needs.

Christmas Island Immigration Detention Facilities by Operational, Contingency and Surge Capacities

Facility	Operational Capacity	Contingency Capacity	Surge Capacity
North West Point IDC	400	1100	1580
Phosphate Hill APOD	144	714	714
Construction Camp APOD	200	310	500
Lilac/Aqua APOD	350	600	900
Total	1094	2724	3694

*Based on DIBP Operational data

- Operational capacity: accommodation that is available to be used under standard operating conditions and complies with applicable standards.
- Contingency capacity: accommodation that is only designed to be used where operational capacity has been exhausted and it is not immediately practicable to transfer people to other sites that have operational capacity available. Contingency capacity should only be used for short periods. Example: placing additional beds/bunks in existing accommodation areas.
- Surge capacity: temporary accommodation measures that can be implemented for very short periods to manage unanticipated and unprecedented requirements. Example: conversion of recreational spaces into temporary accommodation; use of tents and marquees.