

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S  
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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**Question:** How many children are in detention as of today? We would like the breakdown for:  
a) the number being held in detention and community detention and  
b) how many are unaccompanied minors

**Answer:** According to DIAC operational data, as at COB 14 March 2012, there were a total of 479 minors (including 19 crew) held in immigration detention facilities, and of these, 59 were awaiting transfer into community detention in coming days.

There were 544 minors in community detention.

Of the 479 minors held in immigration detention facilities, 254 were unaccompanied minors.

Of the 544 minors in community detention, 130 were unaccompanied minors.

Once transfers are complete, there will be 420 minors in detention facilities, and 603 in community detention.