

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/320) PROGRAMME –

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 11) asked:

Mr Cormack: The number of people with disabilities in immigration detention facilities as of 30 September 2014 was 291, which is 8.4 per cent of the population—which is half of the general community rate of disability of 18.5 per cent.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is that 200 onshore and offshore?

Mr Cormack: That is onshore.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Do you have the offshore figure?

Mr Cormack: I do not have it before me but we will attempt to get that to you as soon as possible.

Answer:

The department wishes to clarify its advice, provided at the hearing, that there were 291 people with disabilities in onshore immigration detention facilities. This number refers to disability type.

As at 30 September 2014, there were 268 detainees with disabilities in onshore immigration detention facilities with 291 disability types. Some detainees had more than one disability type.

As at 30 September 2014, there were 114 transferees with a disability at regional processing centres.