

**Question on notice no. 146**

**Portfolio question number: OBE22-146**

**2022-23 Budget estimates October and November**

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio**

**Senator Nick McKim:** asked the Department of Home Affairs on 18 November 2022

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Please provide updated figures on the length of time spent by people in immigration detention by nationality (BE22-038) .

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
BUDGET ESTIMATES  
OCTOBER 2022**

**Home Affairs Portfolio  
Australian Border Force**

**Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention**

**OBE22-146 - Length of time in detention - by nationality**

Senator Nick McKim asked:

Please provide updated figures on the length of time spent by people in immigration detention by nationality (BE22-038).

*Answer:*

As at 31 August 2022, the average length of time of top nationalities in held detention was 771 days.

**Table 1 – Average Length of time of top Nationalities in held detention as at 31 August 2022**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Average Days in Held Detention</b>
NEW ZEALAND	313
IRAN	1233
VIETNAM	544
SUDAN	1102
INDIA	678
AFGHANISTAN	1251
TONGA	526
UNITED KINGDOM	308
IRAQ	1001
SRI LANKA	1091
OTHER	829
<b>Total average time in held detention</b>	<b>771</b>

Notes:

\*Table includes the top 10 nationalities in terms of detention population.

\*\*Figures are based on current days in detention. As such, excludes days in detention for previous periods of detention.