

Question on notice no. 9

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2017-18 Additional estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Australian Border Force on 26 February 2018—

1. How many asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons are currently detained in immigration detention facilities, broken down by country of origin, status, gender and age?
2. What is the average time in detention for the asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons currently detained, broken down by status?
3. What are the main reasons that stateless people are held in immigration detention?

Answer —

1. As at 28 February 2018, there were 1,337 individuals in held detention facilities. The breakdown of this data is available online at:
<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/ReportsandPublications/Documents/statistics/immigration-detention-statistics-28-feb-2018.pdf>

2. Table 1 - In Held Detention by Detention Group and Average Days in Detention

Detention Group	Average Days
Air Arrival - Non Immi Cleared	422
Irregular Maritime Arrival	826
Overstayer	188
s501 Visa Cancellation	360
Seaport Arrival	846
Other Visa Cancellation	217

3. The main reason why stateless people are held in immigration detention is because they are waiting for their immigration status to be resolved.