

Question on notice no. 421

Portfolio question number: OSE23-421

2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Paul Scarr: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 23 October 2023—

Please provide a breakdown by month since May 2022 showing the transfer pathway of individuals removed from detention on Christmas Island; please specify if they were deported, resettled, or transferred to another facility (and if so, which facility they were transferred to) .

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management

OSE23-421 - Offshore Detention Numbers - Transfer Pathways on Christmas Island by Month since May 2022

Senator Paul Scarr asked:

Please provide a breakdown by month since May 2022 showing the transfer pathway of individuals removed from detention on Christmas Island; please specify if they were deported, resettled, or transferred to another facility (and if so, which facility they were transferred to).

Answer:

Table 1: Releases from North West Point IDC (Christmas Island) - excluding transfers to another detention facility - between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2023

Month Released	Release Reason					Total
	Community Detention	Departure from Australia	Litigation Consequence	Other	Visa Grant	
May-22	0	<5	0	0	<10	6
Jun-22	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Jul-22	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-22	0	<5	0	<5	<10	11
Sep-22	0	0	0	0	6	6
Oct-22	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Nov-22	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5
Dec-22	<5	0	12	<5	<5	17
Jan-23	0	0	<5	0	<10	6
Feb-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-23	<5	0	0	<5	<5	5
Apr-23	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5
May-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Jul-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep-23	0	0	0	<5	0	<5
Oct-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	<5	14	<10	37	67

Table 2: Transfers from North West Point Immigration Detention Centre to another facility - between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2023

Month Transferred	Facility Transferred to					Total
	Brisbane IDC	Melbourne IDC	Perth IDC	Villawood IDC	Yongah Hill IDC	
May-22	<5	0	<5	0	5	7
Jun-22	0	<5	0	0	<10	10
Jul-22	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-22	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Sep-22	0	0	0	0	7	7
Oct-22	0	0	0	<5	<10	8
Nov-22	<5	0	<5	<5	7	12
Dec-22	0	<5	0	0	<10	6
Jan-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Feb-23	0	0	0	17	5	22
Mar-23	0	0	0	0	32	32
Apr-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
May-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Jun-23	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Jul-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Sep-23	0	0	0	<5	<35	34
Oct-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<5	<5	<5	24	132	163

Notes:

- “Departure from Australia” includes removals, resettlements and voluntary returns.
- “Litigation Consequence” may include visa cancellation decisions overturned through Judicial Review processes (including Federal Court and High Court outcomes).
- “Other” may include visa cancellation revocation decisions and Administrative Appeal Tribunal (AAT) overturns, and deceased persons.
- Statistics within this document were extracted from live Departmental systems and may differ slightly with previous and future reporting.