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 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OCTOBER 2023

## Home Affairs Portfolio Department of Home Affairs

### **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:

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

|                   | Release Reason                     |    |                           |       |               |       |  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|--|
| Month<br>Released | Community Departure from Australia |    | Litigation<br>Consequence | Other | Visa<br>Grant | Total |  |
| May-22            | 0                                  | <5 | 0                         | 0     | <10           | 6     |  |
| Jun-22            | 0                                  | 0  | <5                        | 0     | <b>&lt;</b> 5 | <5    |  |
| Jul-22            | 0                                  | 0  | 0                         | 0     | <b>&lt;</b> 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     | <b>&lt;</b> 5 | <5    |  |
| Dec-22            | <5                                 | 0  | 12                        | <5    | <b>&lt;</b> 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    |  |

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

|                      | Facility Transferred to |                  |           |                  |                    |       |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Month<br>Transferred | Brisbane<br>IDC         | Melbourne<br>IDC | Perth IDC | Villawood<br>IDC | Yongah<br>Hill IDC | Total |
| 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.