

Question on notice no. 422

Portfolio question number: OSE23-422

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 in the Villawood immigration detention centre; 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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Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.4: UMA Offshore Management

**OSE23-422 - Offshore Detention Numbers - Transfer Pathways on Villawood
Immigration Detention Centre by Month since May 2022**

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Answer:

Table 1: Releases from Villawood IDC - excluding transfers to another detention facility
- between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2023

Month Released	Release Reason						Total
	Placed in Community Detention	Placed in a Correctional Facility	Departure from Australia	Litigation Consequence	Other	Visa Grant	
May-22	0	<5	39	0	<10	0	46
Jun-22	0	0	31	0	7	0	38
Jul-22	0	<5	37	0	8	<5	48
Aug-22	<5	<5	60	<5	11	<5	76
Sep-22	0	0	38	<5	13	<5	55
Oct-22	<5	<5	33	0	7	5	49
Nov-22	<5	<5	58	0	11	10	84
Dec-22	<5	<5	55	76	<5	21	157
Jan-23	<5	<5	38	11	<5	5	60
Feb-23	0	<5	36	0	<5	5	45
Mar-23	<5	0	69	0	<5	7	80
Apr-23	0	0	81	0	<5	<10	89
May-23	<5	0	108	0	<10	10	127
Jun-23	0	0	95	0	<5	<10	105
Jul-23	<5	0	87	<5	6	6	102
Aug-23	<5	0	80	<5	8	13	103
Sep-23	6	0	73	<5	<10	13	100
Oct-23	0	0	51	0	<5	<10	63
Total	22	10	1,069	92	112	122	1,427

Table 2: Transfers from Villawood IDC to another facility - between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2023

Month Transferred	Facility Transferred to					Total
	Brisbane IDC	Melbourne IDC	North West Point IDC	Perth IDC	Yongah Hill IDC	
May-22	<5	0	16	<5	<5	20
Jun-22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul-22	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-22	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Sep-22	0	<5	0	0	<40	37
Oct-22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov-22	0	0	0	<5	<25	21
Dec-22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-23	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Apr-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
May-23	0	0	0	0	20	20
Jun-23	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Jul-23	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Aug-23	0	<5	0	0	<25	23
Sep-23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-23	0	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Total	<5	7	16	<5	106	135

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, 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.