

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/037) – Transfer of UMA's - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 68) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What I am trying to ask is: are there any transferees who are UMAs who are held in immigration detention in Australia?

Ms Pope: I do not believe so, but I would have to take that on notice to confirm that. I think the two in detention in Australia had been in community detention and were revoked for behavioural reasons, but I would need to confirm that. Those two are onshore. I am just not sure whether they are transferees from Nauru or not, but I am pretty positive that they are Australian cases, not Nauru cases.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Would you be able to take on notice the breakdown of their ages and gender across the various different divisions? I do not need it now.

Ms Pope: Yes. I can give it to you now if you want it.

Answer:

As at 23 February 2015, there were two male unaccompanied minors (both aged 17 years old) in held detention facilities in Australia, neither of whom have been transferred at any time to a Regional Processing Centre.

There were 184 unaccompanied minors in Community Detention, 162 male and 22 female. There were 12 unaccompanied male refugee minors in the community on Nauru, plus two male unaccompanied minors who were living in the community awaiting refugee status determination.