

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/164) - Torture and Trauma Issues - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)**

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

How many children in detention are receiving, or have received, support from the torture and trauma services? How many of those have finished their treatment? Have any of those children referred refused treatment?

*Answer:*

Data on the number of minors disclosing a history of torture and/or trauma is available for the period 1 July to 31 December 2014. During this period, 61 minors in Immigration Detention Facilities in Australia and one (1) minor at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre made new disclosures of a history of torture and/or trauma. All persons making such disclosures are offered referral to specialist torture and trauma counselling services, which can be taken up at any time.

Torture and trauma counselling is provided by multiple external providers, and neither the portfolio nor International Health and Medical Services maintain aggregated statistics on the status of individual referrals.