

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/169) - Compliance and Detention - Christmas Island - Programme 1.3:
Compliance and Detention**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many people are currently detained on Christmas Island?

Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of people on Christmas Island by population group and their country of origin?

What type of offences would a person have committed to warrant their being held on Christmas Island under section 501? Please advise whether asylum seekers and refugees are housed together with section 501 detainees. Has the Department investigated the possibility of separating the two populations?

Answer:

Statistics relating to numbers detained on Christmas Island are available on the Department's website.

**Table 1 - In Held Detention on Christmas Island by Citizenship as at
7am 28 February 2017**

Citizenship	Total
NEW ZEALAND	54
IRAN	29
VIETNAM	27
SUDAN	18
UNITED KINGDOM	15
IRAQ	14
SRI LANKA	11
AFGHANISTAN	10
LEBANON	9
OTHER	80
Total	267

Decisions to transfer detainees to Christmas Island are made on an individual basis, taking into account a number of considerations, including, but not limited to criminal convictions and propensity for violence.

There is no segregation based on detainee population group.