

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/074) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: There have been reports in the newspaper this week based on a report from the health provider IHMS which says there are over a thousand people suffering from mental health conditions. Could you tell me what is the longest someone has been in detention who is currently held on Nauru or Manus Island—the longest duration of detention?

Mr Bowles: I can take that on notice specifically but the longest duration is probably someone from about July last year. That is the longest possible outcome but we will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

As at 30 May 2014, the longest time a person had been held in both onshore detention and in an offshore processing centre, is 639 days. Of these, 623 days have been spent on Nauru and 16 days in onshore detention.

Of the 623 days spent on Nauru, this person has been facing criminal charges for 304 days. The individual was arrested on 19 July 2013 and was subsequently charged with assembly and rioting by the Nauruan police on 30 July 2013. As a result of these criminal charges this person has remained on Nauru.