

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/416) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How many unaccompanied minors are detained on Manus Island?

Answer:

It is the Australian Government's policy that no minors will be transferred to Papua New Guinea.

There have been cases where transferees were assessed to be minors following transfer to an Offshore Processing Centre (OPC), based on information provided after transfer. In these instances, the transferees had previously advised they were either adults or been formally assessed as adults. Where the claimed status of a transferee located at an OPC is in dispute, the department considers all available information to assess the veracity of those claims.