

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/054) - Reason for Detention - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Reynolds, Linda (L&CA 14) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Just following that through, could you give me the number and the reasons why people have been detained?

Ms Briscoe: Can I just clarify that?

Senator KIM CARR: What is the purpose of the detention?

Ms Briscoe: Of the children?

Senator KIM CARR: Of the children, but obviously of the adults as well.

Ms Briscoe: The adults of those children?

Senator KIM CARR: There are 1,007 people currently in onshore detention facilities. Is that correct?

Ms Briscoe: That is right—1,007 plus 59—

Senator KIM CARR: And 59 on Christmas Island. Can you tell me, by category, why they are in detention? What is the reason?

Mr Pezzullo: I think the best course on that question is to take that on notice. I think Ms Briscoe and Mr Outram can deal with the numbers in the next few hours, but breaking down by that classification is on notice.

Answer:

As at 30 April 2015, the 1914 people in held detention on Christmas Island and the mainland were detained for the following reasons:

Reason for Detention (30 April 2015)	Total
Illegal Maritime Arrival	1066
Non-IMA Total	848
Air Arrival - Non Immigration Cleared	52
Visa Overstayer	469
Seaport Arrival	7
Visa Cancellation	320
Grand Total	1914

**Figures based on DIBP systems data as at 30 April 2015.*