

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE15/055) - UAM's Legacy Caseload - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management**

Senator Reynolds, Linda (L&CA 18) asked:

Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you for that intervention, Senator Hanson-Young, but the broader question is: what are the ages of those children who were sent here or arrived here without parents?

Mr Manthorpe: I would have to take a breakdown of that on notice, I think, Senator.

Senator REYNOLDS: If you could take that breakdown on notice. Also, of those unaccompanied minors, if you could tell us the duration of the time they have now been here—just a sort of bell curve of the duration they have been here. Also, have those unaccompanied minors had any contact from family members overseas—the parents or whomever sent them on the boat? Have these children had engagement with their parents since then or are they truly now just left here on their own?

Mr Manthorpe: I do not know whether we would have any data on that.

Senator REYNOLDS: I know that is not a question you have there, but if you could take that on notice, I would appreciate that.

Mr Manthorpe: I will. It may be that in one part of our portfolio we will have data on that. Although whether we collect data on that kind of level of granularity, I just do not know.

Senator REYNOLDS: This is my last question, Chair. As part of that, picking up Senator Hanson-Young's contribution: do you have figures of how many of those unaccompanied minors were sent on the boat with no parents at all and how many may have been on a boat where their parents drowned or died? I think that would be an interesting profile of who the children are.

Mr Pezzullo: We will need to do some analysis down at the individual face level.

Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you, I am very happy for that to go on notice. Thank you, Chair.

*Answer:*

The following table provides the age breakdown of the 167 Unaccompanied Minors (UAMs) in the legacy caseload who had not yet commenced processing (as at 26 May 2015).

12 or under	10
13	7
14	7
15	10
16	37
17	96

Approximately 80 percent of the 167 UAMs arrived in 2013.

The data sought in relation to the status of UAM's parents is not available within departmental systems. Its collection would require a detailed case analysis of all UAM files and would be a significant diversion of resources.