

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 05 May 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE16/002) - Average time in community detention - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Gallacher, Alex (L&CA 94) asked:

Ms Briscoe: Can I just clarify: was that the average time in community detention?

Senator GALLACHER: Yes.

Ms Briscoe: Six hundred and sixty-one days.

Mr Pezzullo: Senator, are you asking about children?

Ms Briscoe: Sorry, that is for all people in CD. I do not have that figure for children. Ms Moy may.

Senator GALLACHER: If there are 109 out of the 317, are you saying that the average community detention is 661 days?

Mr Pezzullo: It would not be. If the premise of the question is: children who have come to Australia for medical treatment, either their own or because they are in the company of family members, the average length of stay in community detention of that group of 109 is X, you have not been given an answer, as yet, on what X is. Ms Moy has just joined us. If she has X then she can give you that number, otherwise we will take it on notice.

Ms Moy: We will have to take it on notice in terms of the children's figures.

Answer:

The average time in community detention for the 109 children who were subject to return to Nauru was 112 days.