

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/051) - Numbers in Onshore Detention - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 115) asked:

Senator WATT: I have some questions about onshore detention. How many people have been detained in onshore detention this year?

Mr Pezzullo: How many people have gone through onshore detention or how many people are in onshore detention at the moment?

Senator WATT: Why don't I get both?

Mr Quaadvlieg: The answer to the question will vary depending on the point in time. Our current number is around 1,400 in totality. How many people have actually moved through in the last period of 12 months? We would probably have to take that on notice. I do not think we cut it by May to May figures.

Mr Outram: The latest figure for onshore detention is 1,392.

Senator WATT: That is people who are currently in onshore detention?

Mr Outram: Yes.

Senator WATT: I presume that that is in the statistics that you report publicly?

Mr Outram: I believe so. It is not something we keep secret—put it that way.

Answer:

Please refer to BE17/203 for the answer.