

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/052) - Stateless people in onshore detention - Programme 1.4: IMA
Onshore Management**

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 116) asked:

Senator WATT: How many stateless people remain in onshore detention?

Mr Woodford-Smith: Out of the total population, by nationality, we have 37 stateless persons in onshore held detention.

Senator WATT: When you say by nationality, how do you determine that, if they are—

Mr Woodford-Smith: Sorry, I should not be saying nationality. I am reading from a graph that has nationality, and 'stateless' is one of those groups. There are 37 individuals that are stateless within the immigration detention network.

Senator WATT: On average, how long have they been in detention?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I do not have that information to hand immediately around that particular group. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator WATT: Do you have any figures at all about the length of detention for stateless individuals?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I do not.

Senator WATT: In that case, could you take on notice the average length of detention for those 37 and the longest period in detention of any of those 37?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I will.

Answer:

As at 7am 30 April 2017, the average days in onshore detention for stateless individuals was 836 days. The longest period in onshore detention was 1,345 days.