

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/054) - Children in onshore detention for the calendar year - Programme 1.4:
IMA Onshore Management**

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 117-118) asked:

Senator WATT: So there is one at this moment in time. How many children were in onshore detention at any other point during May this year? Is that the only time in May this year that a child has been in onshore detention?

Mr Outram: We will have to take that on notice to be absolutely sure.

Senator WATT: Do you have any figures handy about April, March, February or January this year?

Mr Outram: We would have the data available to give us a month-by-month—Senator WATT: Could you take that on notice, please?

Mr Outram: Yes, we can.

Senator WATT: So, for each month this calendar year, how many children were in onshore detention at some point during that month?

Mr Outram: At some point during that month, because of course they would not necessarily be there for the entire month.

Answer:

Monthly immigration detention statistics, including children in detention, are published on the Department's website at <https://www.border.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/statistics/live-in-australia/immigration-detention>

Statistics specifically referring to children in detention can be located on page 9 of the 'Immigration Detention Statistics for 31 May 2017'.