

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/291) - Involuntary returns – Onshore detention and Regional Processing - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 137) asked:

Senator WATT: Ms Zakharoff, what did you say about involuntary returns from Australia?

Ms Zakharoff: I did not answer the question about involuntary returns; I simply said that the program that we run does not apply. Mr Woodford-Smith may well know the number of involuntary returns from detention.

Senator WATT: Do you know that?

Mr Woodford-Smith: Yes, I can run through involuntary removals.

Senator WATT: In the interests of time, I might get you to give those figures on notice. Deputy Commissioner Newton gave them back to 2013, so why don't we get them from 2013 for onshore and offshore? I would also be interested in knowing countries of origin and number of deportations by month.

Answer:

Onshore Detention

Involuntary removals from onshore detention by year*					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (to 30 Apr)
Total	147	318	146	160	105

*Involuntary removals from onshore immigration detention figures include illegal foreign fishers (IFFs), Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) and border turnarounds (sea and air arrivals who were not immigration cleared).

Involuntary removals from onshore detention by month*					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (to 30 Apr)
Jul	5	11	10	11	11
Aug	9	53	8	10	17
Sep	6	8	10	16	<5
Oct	17	106	7	15	8
Nov	26	15	12	6	9
Dec	16	20	9	17	12
Jan	12	17	8	20	9

Involuntary removals from onshore detention by month*					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (to 30 Apr)
Feb	17	50	24	8	7
Mar	8	<5	21	19	15
Apr	12	5	15	11	13
May	10	23	12	12	n/a
Jun	9	6	10	15	n/a
Total	147	318	146	160	105

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Involuntary removals from onshore detention by country of origin*					
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (to 30 Apr)
Sri Lanka	15	213	5	13	<5
China	35	5	24	33	10
Fiji	15	<5	19	7	11
Vietnam	<5	33	<5	6	6
New Zealand	<5	0	7	14	13
India	10	7	5	8	0
South Korea	6	8	7	<5	0
United Kingdom	5	5	<5	7	<5
Malaysia	6	<5	5	<5	6
Tonga	<5	<5	<5	5	7
All Other	48	40	66	61	45
Total	147	318	146	160	105

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This is a matter for the Governments of Nauru and Papua New Guinea.