

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/131) - Children in onshore detention - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

In relation to children in onshore detention:

What is the current number of children in onshore detention?

How many of these children are from the Nauru or Manus facility and are in Australia for medical treatment, or accompanying a parent undergoing medical treatment?

How many of these children are in detention because there is an adverse security assessment against one of the parents and the family has chosen to stay together?

What is the current average time in detention for children in onshore detention facilities?

What is the longest period in detention for a child?

Answer:

What is the current number of children in onshore detention?

As at 17 October 2016 there were two children in held detention in Australia. This figure includes one IMA child and one non-IMA child.

How many of these children are from the Nauru or Manus facility and are in Australia for medical treatment, or accompanying a parent undergoing medical treatment?

As at 17 October 2016 there were 115 children in Australia for medical treatment, or accompanying a parent undergoing medical treatment. All 115 were in the community under residence determination.

How many of these children are in detention because there is an adverse security assessment against one of the parents and the family has chosen to stay together?

As at 17 October 2016 there were no children that were in held detention that had parents with adverse security assessments.

*What is the current average time in detention for children in onshore detention facilities?
What is the longest period in detention for a child?*

Information regarding time in immigration detention facilities can be found at:

<http://www.border.gov.au/ReportsandPublications/Documents/statistics/immigration-detention-statistics-30-sept-2016.pdf>

To further break down this data would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.