

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(214) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Webber asked:

Can you outline how many detainees with mental health issues are currently detained by the Department?

*Answer:*

On 15 June 2006, one hundred and twenty seven people in immigration detention (including alternative detention outside immigration detention facilities) were consulting a psychologist, psychiatrist or other mental health professional.

We are unable to provide exact information as to the clinical diagnoses for these people or whether formal treatment has been initiated. These are matters between the health worker and his/her client.