QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(72) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Barnett (L&C 27) asked:

What is the average period of detention for each of the last three years?

Answer.

The following table shows the accumulative average days in immigration detention for the financial years 2006-07 to 2009-10. The figures compiled for each financial year includes data on people who were detained in the previous financial year/s and who continued to be in immigration detention.

Program Year	¹ Accumulative Average Days in Immigration Detention
2006-07	89
2007-08	80
2008-09	74
2009-10 (as at 5 June 2010)	87

Source: RAS T14211

¹ This average was calculated by considering the duration of immigration detention for all people detained during the year regardless of whether they remained in immigration detention as at the end of the financial year.