

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0092) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How many children and unaccompanied minors are currently being detained in detention facilities (onshore and offshore), APODs and Immigration Transit Accommodation?

Answer:

As at 15 November 2013, there were 920 accompanied minors and 84 unaccompanied minors detained in onshore immigration detention facilities. There were also 105 accompanied minors and three unaccompanied minors located at the offshore processing centre in Nauru.

*Based on DIBP operational data.

**These three unaccompanied minors were subsequently assessed as minors after arriving on Nauru.

**This number includes Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) only.

***The number of people in immigration detention changes on a daily basis. In this dynamic environment, there can be some lag time between action taken on the ground to transfer a client from a detention facility into community detention, release a client from immigration detention into the community following grant of a bridging visa or a protection visa, or remove a client from Australia and the recording of these milestones in DIBP systems. The numbers above do not include IMAs in correctional facilities. The numbers above include IMA detainees under a centres jurisdiction who are currently located in hospital.