

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S  
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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**Question:** When does the clock start and stop in relation to the calculations for the length of time people spend in detention. For example, do the figures provided include the first 90 days? Days that a decision is under review? And so on.

**Answer:** The length of time in detention is calculated by the date of initial detention to a person's status resolution of visa grant or removal from Australia.

The figures provided to the Committee as of the 16 August 2011, was the length of time that people spent in immigration detention based on the date of initial detention and ended on the date the person is granted a visa and released from immigration detention.

The calculation includes all processes that occur while a person is in immigration detention, including the entry and screening process and, where applicable to the individual client, the protection obligations determination, independent protection assessment, judicial review processes and required checks in the visa assessment process.