

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 21 June 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(FOCS/035) – Inquiry into Flag of Convenience Shipping - MCV holders placed in detention; last 5 years -**

Asked:

CHAIR: That is fine. Firstly thank you for providing that detail, let us park that there. I will take the opportunity while I have you here to ask a few other questions, and these are new questions. We were talking about foreign crew: how many foreign crew have visited? Was it 250,000? I think that is the figure you gave us of how many foreign crew have visited since 9-11.

Mr Williams: 250,132 applications for maritime crew visas.

CHAIR: Could you tell us how many have been placed in detention over the past five years? Would you have that figure close by?

Mr Williams: For maritime crew visa-holders?

CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Williams: I do not have that number. We would need to provide that to you.

CHAIR: Okay. Please take that on notice.

Mr Murray: Senator, I could add there: it is not a common event at all. There would be very low data, if anything.

Mr Williams: It is a visa that has a very high compliance rate—in terms of overstaying and that sort of thing.

CHAIR: I am asking because I have had people contact me about some people that have been in detention centres for a while, and are stuck in there. This is where my line of questioning is going.

Mr Williams: Maritime crew visa-holders, Senator?

CHAIR: Yes, there were a couple; they might have been Filipinos—I would have to remember. It was not all that long ago, and everyone was pulling their hair out that these people were still in detention. So my first question went to how many have been placed in detention. And I was then going to ask: are there any that remain in detention?

Mr Murray: We will take that on notice, Senator.

*Answer:*

As at 21 June 2017, eight people who arrived in Australia on a Maritime Crew visa were detained in an immigration detention facility. During the period 1 July 2012 to 21 June 2017, 138 people have been detained after arriving on a Maritime Crew visa.