



**Public Hearing of the
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009
Question on Notice**

4. *From Senator Bilyk:* What is the age range of the minors currently on Christmas Island, [including the age of the youngest]?

As at 18 March 2009 there were 24 minors living in Community Detention arrangements on Christmas Island. The youngest is 18 months old and the oldest is 17 years of age. Please see the table below for a more detailed age breakdown.

Children in Community Detention on Christmas Island by age as at 18 March 2009			
Ages of children on Community Detention	Accompanied Children	Unaccompanied Minors	Total
< 3years old	1	0	1
3 - 6 years old	0	0	0
6 - 11 years old	2	0	2
11 - 16 years old	2	3	5
16 - 18 years old	1	15	16
Total	6	18	24

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Statistics quoted at the JSCM hearing on 18 March reflected details of minors in Community Detention on CI as at Friday 6 March 2009. Statistics provided in above table reflect details of minors in CD on CI as at 18 March 2009. The difference reflects the fact that 2 minors had been granted visas in the interim and had exited Community Detention arrangements.