

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/031) - New Zealand cohort breakdown - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 62) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How many of those are New Zealand citizens?

Mr Outram: I should qualify that these numbers as of 31 December. I cannot say how many of these are in the 501 cohort. We could probably come to that. There are 183 New Zealand citizens in onshore detention facilities. Most of those would be, I suspect, in the 501 cohort.

Senator KIM CARR: How long have they been there?

Mr Outram: I could not give you a precise number. Obviously, it is case by case.

Senator KIM CARR: You must have some statistic of it.

Mr Outram: I do not have a particular breakdown for the New Zealand cohort.

Senator KIM CARR: If you could find that out for me; and how many of those, for instance, have been detained since the last estimates.

Mr Outram: I will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

As at 31 December 2015, 174 New Zealand nationals were in held detention following their visas being cancelled on character grounds under Section 501 of *the Migration Act 1958* (the Act). These detainees had spent on average 149 days in detention.

Between 1 October 2015 and 31 December 2015, 113 New Zealand national's visas were cancelled under Section 501 of the Act and detained.