

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/041) - Visa cancellations on character grounds - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 68) asked:

CHAIR: These figures are getting confusing to me and perhaps to everyone else. Of those who had their visas mandatory or cancelled on character grounds, 367 have applied to the minister for revocation, and those 367 remain in detention until the minister determines their case—is that right?

Ms Dunn: Some of those people choose to go home. I do not have the number with me right now, but a number have chosen to go home and have had successful revocations since they returned to New Zealand.

CHAIR: And so they are able to come back?

Ms Dunn: Yes.

CHAIR: I am wondering which of those who have had cancellations but have not sought revocation are still kept in detention? Do you have a figure for those at the present time?

Mr Quaedvlieg: Senator, I am wondering, if it would help you, if we took it on notice and provided to you in tabular form all of those categories that you just described that sets it out in a quite simplistic sense?

CHAIR: I think that would be useful right across the board and, while you are doing it could you, without involving you in too much work, do that in relation to others besides New Zealanders as a bulk group?

Mr Quaedvlieg: That should not be too difficult. Thank you, we will take that on notice.

Answer:

The following table provides statistics relating to visa cancellation on character grounds under s501 as at 8 February 2016 (all nationalities).

Number of s. 501 cancellations in detention	Mandatory cancellations under s. 501(3A) in detention	s. 501 revocations in detention (including non-mandatory revocation, finalised and pending revocations)	Number of s.501 cancellations in detention with no revocation application
413	371	350	63