

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/204) - Statistics onshore detention – characters cancellations - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide the number of people currently in detention expected to have their visa cancelled on character grounds

Please provide the average length of stay in detention for people who have had their visa cancelled on character grounds

Please provide the number of these who are NZ citizens

Please provide the average time taken for the Minister to consider an appeal for a revocation of a detainee cancelled under section 501 of the Migration Act

*Answer:*

Statistics on the number of people in detention are available on the Department's website (<https://www.border.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/statistics/live-in-australia/immigration-detention>)

Due to system constraints, obtaining average timeframes for revocation requests would involve a significant diversion of resources. However, the Department notes that revocation applications are being decided more quickly due to processing efficiencies and faster decision-making. As a result, the number of detainees with pending revocation requests has dropped from **308** as at 1 November 2015 (when these initiatives commenced) to **218** as at 24 May 2017. |