QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/019) - Children in detention - legal proceedings - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 66) asked:

CHAIR: That is very useful; that helps clarify it for me and, I think, for most Australians. On notice perhaps, can you tell me how many of the 80 are in APODs in Australia on the mainland because they or their parents are involved in legal proceedings?

Ms Briscoe: I think that that is 29 or 59. Ms Moy: I can confirm those numbers.

CHAIR: So it is 29 or 59. That is okay, you will get back to me.

Ms Moy: I will confirm the numbers.

Answer:

Of the 80 children in APODs referred to above, departmental records show that 76 have either commenced, or have associated family members who have commenced, legal proceedings in the High Court.

All of these 76 children were brought to Australia, or were born to people brought to Australia, for purposes related to medical reasons for themselves or family members.