

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Crossin asked:

Darwin Detention Centre

1. How many people, have been detained there since July 2005 and for how long on each occasion?
2. Given that the upgrade to the Centre has not been completed on what basis was the Centre used during December and January?

Answer:

1. During the period 1 July 2005 to 17 February 2006, there have been 461 people taken into detention at the Darwin detention facility for various periods of up to seven days.
2. The facility in Darwin was used during that period to provide short-term transit accommodation for illegal fishers pending their transfer to immigration detention facilities in southern Australia.