

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 February 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(220) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What is the average period of detention for 2009-2010?
- (2) What is the average period of detention for 2010-2011 (to present day) by nationality group?
- (3) How does this compare with 2008-09?

Answer:

- (1) Average period of immigration detention for the financial year 2009-2010 is 80 days. This figure is based on the data that includes people who were detained in the previous financial year/s and who continued to be in immigration detention.
- (2) Average period of immigration detention for 2010-2011 (to 21 February 2011) by citizenship is presented within the attached table.
- (3) A comparison of average days in immigration detention for the financial years 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 (to 21 February 2011) is presented within the attached table.

Average Days in Immigration Detention by Citizenship

Citizenship	People held in detention at some time during:		
	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11 (up to 21 Feb 2011)
Afghanistan	99	87	243
Albania	297	166	47
Algeria	307	978	347
Argentina			<1
Armenia	4		
Austria	14	<1	
Azerbaijan			
Bahrain		22	282
Bangladesh	180	59	150
Belarus, Republic Of		17	
Belgium	2	2	6
Bolivia	432		
Bosnia And Herzegovina	<1		
Botswana	1138		
Brazil, Federative Republic Of	74	83	6
Bulgaria	<1	214	2
Burma	88	134	267
Burundi			
Cambodia, The Kingdom Of	75	9	144
Cameroon	43	162	571
Canada	19	6	2
Chad		104	385
Chile		471	1
China, Peoples Republic Of	140	90	83
Columbia	83	143	177
Congo, Republic Of	41		
Croatia	3		
Czech Republic		2	10
Denmark		<1	1
Dominican Republic	<1		
East Timor	<1		
Ecuador			<1
Egypt	119	106	35
El Salvador		637	
Eritrea		1	11
Estonia	<1	5	
Ethiopia			48
Fiji	127	38	20
Finland		9	

Citizenship	People held in detention at some time during:		
	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11 (up to 21 Feb 2011)
Former Yugoslav Republic Of Macedonia	1		
France	3	<1	<1
Germany	10	1	<1
Ghana	127	325	409
Greece	27	42	7
Guinea	132		
Hungary	12	33	
India	82	28	37
Indonesia	46	53	171
Iran	73	77	142
Iraq	118	91	180
Ireland, Republic Of	1	1	3
Israel	7	20	2
Italy	9	56	25
Japan	5	1	3
Jordan	111		
Kenya	367	152	55
Korea, North	899	167	155
Korea, Republic Of (Sth)	16	24	17
Kosovo			4
Kuwait	44	70	217
Laos	5	16	8
Latvia	1	7	1
Lebanon	319	290	15
Liberia		36	13
Lithuania	106	64	1
Macau Special Admin Region	2		9
Malaysia	8	9	8
Malta			43
Mauritius, Republic Of	18	9	22
Mexico			3
Moldova		<1	
Mongolia	3		135
Montenegro, Republic Of		11	
Morocco	2		96
Mozambique	54		
Nauru			4
Nepal	80	62	38
Netherlands	7	5	<1
Netherlands, Kingdom Of The	61	1	<1

Citizenship	People held in detention at some time during:		
	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11 (up to 21 Feb 2011)
New Zealand	38	44	47
Nigeria	200	218	356
Norway	1	27	14
Oman		<1	
Pakistan	100	93	179
Palestinian Authority	2512	198	159
Papua New Guinea	90	108	14
Peru			5
Philippines	9	11	10
Poland	1	5	
Portugal	<1		
Romania	1	1	2
Russian Federation	2	53	3
Samoa	158	221	178
Saudi Arabia	3		113
Senegal	614	979	612
Serbia And Montenegro	200		
Sierra Leone		353	
Singapore	17	2	60
Slovak Republic		14	22
Slovenia	3		
Somalia	160	108	341
South Africa	28	52	19
Spain	<1	4	1
Sri Lanka	51	168	318
St Lucia			13
St Vincent And The Grenadines	228		
Sudan	165		833
Sweden	9	20	7
Switzerland	1	22	<1
Syria	338	12	
Syrian Arab Republic			245
Taiwan	46	12	7
Tanzania	82		
Thailand	11	6	8
Togo			55
Tonga	14	69	59
Tunisia			173
Turkey	88	171	118
Tuvalu			2
Uganda	31		

Citizenship	People held in detention at some time during:		
	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11 (up to 21 Feb 2011)
Ukraine	8	28	55
United Kingdom	66	18	11
United States Of America	38	16	47
Uruguay			66
Vanuatu			<1
Vietnam	92	149	211
Yemen, Republic Of		127	265
Yugoslavia, Fed Republic Of	107	322	
Zambia	178	97	5
Zimbabwe	45	184	28
Unknown Citizenship	68	81	174
Overall average days in immigration detention	61	80	174

Note: The figures compiled for each financial year include data on people who were detained in the previous financial year/s and who continued to be in immigration detention.