

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(171) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig (L&C 108) asked:

Is the number of absconders from detention facilities still the same or has it changed? It would be helpful if you could update the number. And then perhaps separate those who have been redetained, if that is the phrase. Have any of those who absconded whom you have then identified been issued with a visa? Perhaps it would be helpful to have that number too, of the people who were not redetained as such but were issued with a visa.

Answer:

Between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006, 193 clients escaped from immigration detention. A total of 116 clients have since been relocated.

Of those clients who have been relocated, 45 were subsequently issued with a visa.