

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Webber asked:

In testimony Professor Whiteford said that detainees with mental health conditions could be returned to an environment other than Baxter, has this actually occurred in any circumstances?

Answer:

In Professor Whiteford's testimony he referred to the new model for enhanced mental health capacity and service delivery, which commenced at the Baxter Immigration Detention Facility in May 2005. Since that time 45 detainees have been discharged from the Glenside Campus Mental Health Service to the following destinations:

Granted visas	21
Residence Determination	2
Alternative Detention	1
Port Augusta Residential Housing Centre	4
Baxter	13
Villawood	3
Escaped	1