

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0431) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA Page 117) asked:

Provide a breakdown in terms of length of time, age, gender and country of origin of people who are in community detention?

Answer:

As of 22 May 2012, there were 1645 people in community detention. Of these people, 65 percent were male and 35 percent were female.

The median length of time in detention, including held and community detention, was approximately 450 days.

The median age of people in community detention was 26 years old.

The break down for the country of origin was as follows:

Country	No. in CD
Iran	645
Sri Lanka	271
Stateless	239
Afghanistan	210
Iraq	197
Vietnam	27
Palestine	20
Pakistan	10
Other	26
TOTAL	1645