

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0429) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many people currently in immigration detention have been charged with a criminal offence? What are those offences?

Answer:

As at 28 May 2013 departmental records indicate there are 166 individuals in immigration detention facilities who have been charged with a criminal offence.

As some jurisdictions apply different terminology in relation to criminal offences, charges have been grouped under similar offence types. These offences include:

Armed robbery;
Assault, grievous bodily harm;
Assault public official;
Attempted murder;
Breach of court or police order, contravening AVO, breach bail conditions;
Cause Serious Injury;
Damage to Commonwealth property, arson;
Damage to property;
Domestic violence;
Driving offences;
Drug possession, importation and manufacture
Escape immigration detention
Fraud, identity and document theft, passport fraud, produce false document;
Manslaughter;
Resist arrest, disobey police;
Riot and affray in a detention facility;
Sexual assault on a minor, child prostitution;
Sexual assault, rape, indecent assault;
Stalking, intimidate, threat to kill;
Theft, break and enter, deal with proceeds of crime, aggravated robbery;
Threatening to cause harm, stalk and intimidate; and
Weapons related offences.

This information is limited to details known to the Department where convictions have been lawfully disclosed by other agencies. The Department does not routinely hold details of personal histories where a conviction may have been recorded against an individual in immigration detention unless these convictions were taken into consideration in relation to the cancellation of a person's visa. These figures do not include individuals charged with people smuggling or people smuggling related offences.