

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(176) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

Has the Department reconsidered its position on such cases following the recent Federal Court decision that Mr Nystrom is considered to be an absorbed citizen? How many detainees in Villawood would be in similar circumstances to Mr Stefan Nystrom?

Answer:

There are no detainees in Villawood Immigration Detention Centre in similar circumstances to Mr Stefan Nystrom. Any person in immigration detention who has been identified as being in such circumstances has been released once they have been identified. In total, 12 persons in immigration detention centres in Australia have been released as a consequence of the *Nystrom* decision.