

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (58) Output 1.5: Detention

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 107) asked:

(1) Numbers of people in detention are always bandied around. I would appreciate it if you could provide me with a list since detention was instigated under a previous Labor government (1989). Could you give me a history of detention in this country, including of children.

(2) Could you also tell me where you cannot and for what reason you cannot.

*Answer:*

(1) and (2)

The following table is based on the average of end of week numbers of adults and children in immigration detention from the 1989-90 financial year to the 2007-08 financial year. Immigration detention can include placement of a person in detention in an Immigration Detention Centre (IDC – since 1989), an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD – since 1989), Immigration Residential Housing (IRH – since 2001), Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA – since 2007), or Community Detention under a Residence Determination (since 2005).

The figures have been derived following the amalgamation of a number of reporting systems and will vary in a number of instances from previously published data. It is suggested that the figures be used to indicate trends only:

Number of People in Immigration Detention End of Week Population Counts Averaged by Financial Year			
Financial Year	Adults	Minors	Number Detained
1989/90	67	26	93
1990/91	186	94	280
1991/92	274	139	413
1992/93	303	108	411
1993/94	202	72	274
1994/95	420	218	638
1995/96	365	166	531
1996/97	324	66	390
1997/98	436	31	467
1998/99	563	47	610
1999/00	2364	325	2689
2000/01	2168	435	2603
2001/02	2274	511	2785

<b>2002/03</b>	1272	147	1419
<b>2003/04</b>	1049	112	1161
<b>2004/05</b>	1013	82	1095
<b>2005/06</b>	823	58	881
<b>2006/07</b>	569	47	616
<b>2007/08</b>	415	25	440