

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(296) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) What is the average period of detention for 2009-2010?
- (2) What is the average period of detention for 2010-2011 (to present day) by nationality?
- (3) How does this compare with 2008-09?

Answer:

- (1) Average period of detention for the financial year 2009-2010 is 80 days. This figure is based on the data that includes people who were detained in the previous financial year/s and who continued to be in immigration detention.
- (2) Average period of detention for 2010-2011 (to 19 October 2010) by citizenship is presented within the table at Attachment A.
- (3) A comparison of average days in detention for the financial years 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010 to 2011(to 19 October 2010) is presented within the table at Attachment A.