

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0535) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Onshore arrangements - Community Detention: How many people are now in community detention; how many have moved through the system since it was first put in place: please provide these breakdowns by length of time, age, gender and country of origin.

Answer:

As at 15 October 2012, 5,361 people had been approved for community detention. Of these, 1,659 clients were still residing in community detention.

The following tables provide a more detailed breakdown of the 5,361 clients who had been approved for community detention by factors such as age, gender and country of origin.

Number of days spent in community detention

	Subtotal
7 days or less	65
8 days - 31 days	394
32 days - 91 days	1227
92 days - 182 days	905
183 days - 365 days	779
366 days - 547 days	247
548 days or more	8
*Other	1736
Total	5361

* A time-frame for community detention placement cannot be calculated as these people were either awaiting transfer to or recently placed in community detention, or had been granted a protection visa shortly after being approved for community detention. This does not include days in immigration detention facilities prior to transfer into community detention.

Clients approved for community detention by age

	Subtotal
0-4 years	453
5-11 years	602
12-15 years	415
16-17 years	893
18+ years	2998
Total	5361

Nationality of clients approved for community detention

	Subtotal
Iran	1871
Afghanistan	1370
Iraq	581
Sri Lanka	576
Stateless	543
Palestine	142
Vietnam	79
Pakistan	75
Myanmar	51
Rohinga	16
Other	57
Total	5361

Gender of clients approved for community detention

	Subtotal
Female	1773
Male	3588
Total	5361