

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0632) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

I refer to the answer given to BE12/0378 which details people currently in immigration detention that have been charged with a criminal offence. The answer states “At the time of answering there were 146 persons in immigration detention who have been charged with a criminal offence”. The answer goes on to list the offences – which include murder, manslaughter, domestic violence, assault, molestation, sexual assault, indecent dealing of a boy under 14, indecent assault of a boy under 16, possess child abuse video, people smuggling, damage to Commonwealth property, possession with intent to sell or supply – and the list goes on. Please advise the numbers of people who have been charged with each offence listed in the response to BE12/0378.

Answer:

The number of people charged with each offence outlined in BE12/0378 is below. It is important to note that the numbers will total more than 146 as each individual may have been subject to a number of different charges. As some state/territory jurisdictions apply different terminology in relation to criminal charges that are similar in nature, charges have been grouped under similar offence type.

Murder	1
Manslaughter	2
Threatening to kill	3
Recklessly wound another person	2
Domestic Violence	1
Assaults	20
Molestation	1
Sexual Assault	4
Carnal Knowledge	4
Indecent dealing with a male under 14	1
Indecent dealing with a male under 16	2
Aggravated sexual penetration	1
Indecent assault	3
Assault with act of indecency	2
Possess child abuse video	1
Weapon related offences	4

People smuggling or people smuggling related offences	11
Public order charges such as Damage to Commonwealth Property	72
Drug offences – Drug Possession, Drug Importation	16
Possession of prohibited drugs with intent to sell or supply (heroin)	2
Possess a prohibited drug (cannabis)	1
Trespass	3
Fraud	9
Traffic related offences	6
Theft – Break and Enter, Deal with proceeds of crime, aggravated robbery	21
Contravening Apprehended Violence Order	3
Unlawful detention	3
Breach of police order	3