

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0046) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Seselja (L&CA 85) asked:

Senator SESELJA: I have just one question. Senator Hanson-Young asked a question at the beginning of her time just then about how many men, women and children are being held in detention at the moment. Could you provide figures for us, as at the beginning of 2008—just after the Rudd government came in—how many men, women and children were in detention at that time. Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice but, needless to say, there were very few people in detention in 2008 and we had a period of no arrivals for a large part of 2008. I will take on notice the specifics of how many there were, but there were very few.

*Answer:*

According to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's Systems data, as at COB 4 January 2008 there were:

- 520 Adult men,
- 42 Adult women, and
- 36 children in immigration detention.

\*This figure includes Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) and non-IMA's.