

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0328) PROGRAMME –

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many unaccompanied minors are currently in detention?

Answer:

As at 15 November 2013, there were 722 unaccompanied minors in immigration detention, of these 84 were in onshore immigration detention facilities, three were located at the offshore processing centre in Nauru and a further 635 were in community detention.

*According to DIBP operational data.

**These three unaccompanied minors were subsequently assessed as minors after arriving on Nauru.

***This number includes Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) only.

****The number of people in immigration detention changes on a daily basis. In this dynamic environment, there can be some lag time between action taken on the ground to transfer a detainee from a detention facility into community detention, release a detainee from immigration detention into the community following grant of a bridging visa or a protection visa, or remove a detainee from Australia and the recording of these milestones in DIBP systems. The numbers above do not include IMAs in correctional facilities. The numbers above include IMA detainees under a centre's jurisdiction who are currently located in hospital.