JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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Question: Why has the department not published an Immigration Detention Statistics Summary since 20 May 2011? If the department has updated the Detention Statistics Summary since then, can they provide the Committee with all the latest copies of that summary?

Answer: The department regularly reviews its statistical reporting publications and the Immigration Detention Statistics Summary has been recently unavailable while a review of the Report has been undertaken. A revised version of the Immigration Detention Statistics Summary for 30 September 2011 which includes updated additional information was published on the website on 14 October 2011 and is attached for the Committee.

Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

30 September 2011

About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention in Australia as at midnight on the date of the report. The report is produced on a monthly basis.

Data is sourced from several departmental processing and recording systems. Data relating to the immigration detention population is dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the department's immigration detention network operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous issues can occur. Due to these issues, data from the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

Further information about immigration detention is available at www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention.

Enquiries
Any comment or enquiries concerning this report should be sent using our client service feedback form quoting the name and date of the report.

See: http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/visiting/enquiries-feedback.htm

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IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Detention Operations Division, DIAC - As at 30 September 2011

There were 4446 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3561 in immigration detention on the mainland and 885 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 September 2011. Separately, 1151 were living in the community under a residence determination.

Figure 1

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention					
Place of immigration detention[1]	**Men**	**Women**	**Children**	**Total**	**Change from Previous Summary (31/08/11)**
Christmas Island IDC	649			**649**	+ 14
Curtin IDC	1060			**1060**	- 305
Maribyrnong IDC	98	3		**101**	+ 11
Northern IDC (Darwin)	415			**415**	+ 8
Perth IDC	24	1		**25**	- 9
Pontville IDC	76			**76**	+ 76
Scherger IDC	333			**333**	- 88
Villawood IDC	355	52		**407**	+ 45
Total in IDCs	**3010**	**56**	**0**	**3066**	- 248
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	1	**2**	**7**	- 4
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	2	1	**35**	**38**	0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	4	3	**5**	**12**	- 4
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	5	8		**13**	+ 1
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	56			**56**	+ 27
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	71		**2**	**73**	+ 54
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	**142**	**13**	**44**	**199**	+ 74
Alternative Places of Detention [2] (Christmas Island)	66	59	**111**	**236**	+ 62
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	536	124	**285**	**945**	- 149
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				**0**	0
Total	**3754**	**252**	**440**	**4446**	**- 261**

People in Community under Residence Determination[3]	**396**	**309**	**446**	**1151**	**+ 13**

[1] Immigration detention as set out under s189 or s249 of the *Migration Act 1958.*

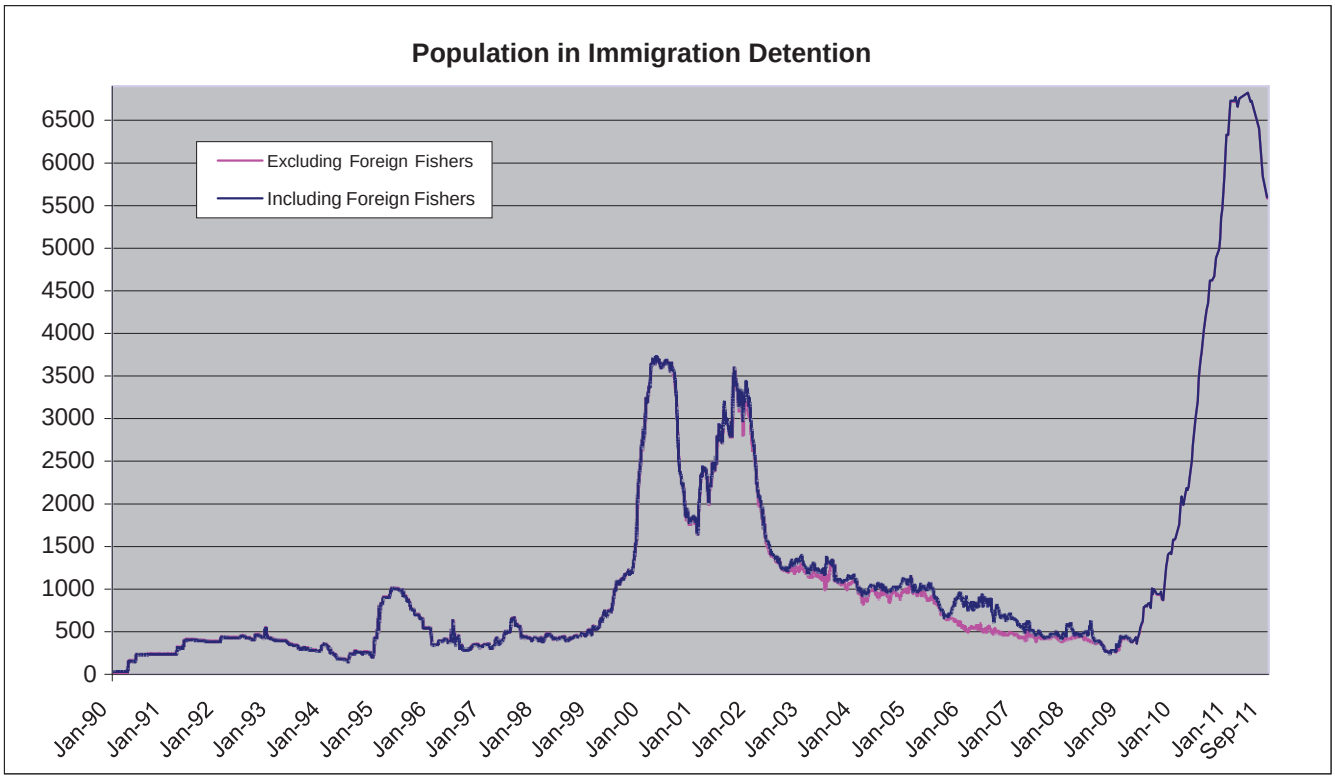
[2] Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

[3] Residence determination as set out in the s197AB of the *Migration Act 1958.*

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to September 2011

The number of people in immigration detention has been declining since April 2011.

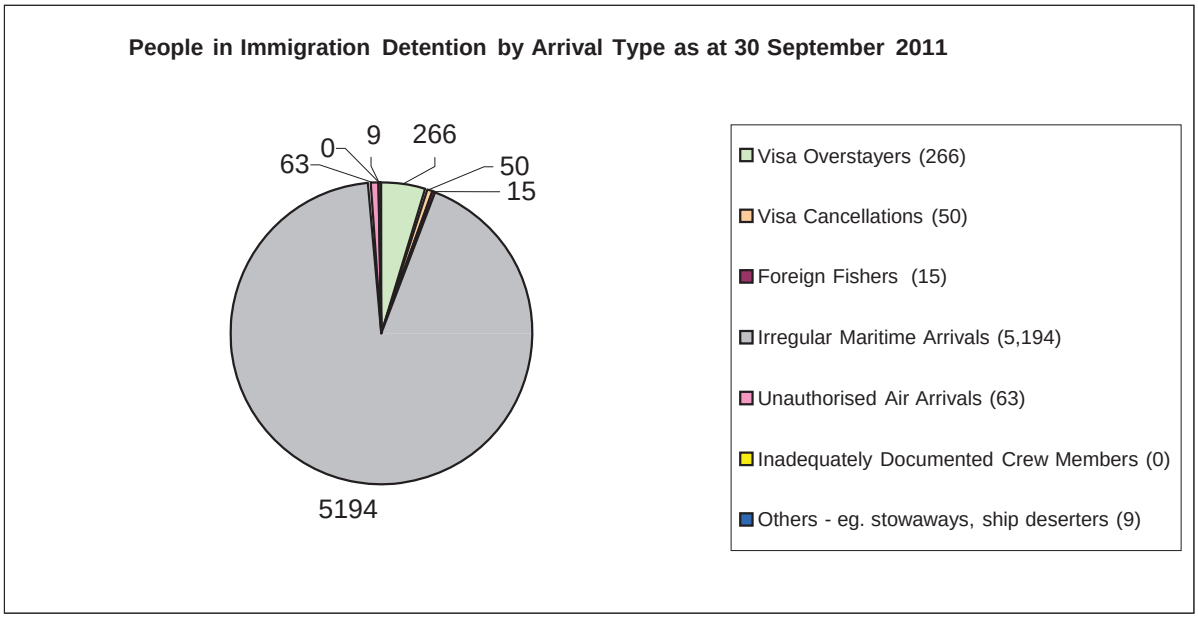
Figure 2



People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 September 2011 was 5257, representing about 94 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 316 people (about 5 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4446 people in immigration detention in DIAC facilities and other places of detention as at 30 September 2011, around 32% were Afghan nationals, 23% were Iranian nationals and 11% were the Sri Lankan nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 September 2011					
Citizenship	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Afghanistan	13	1250	4	155	1422
Iran	119	821	40	67	1047
Sri Lanka	17	429	14	14	474
Indonesia	1	350	0	37	388
Iraq	7	174	2	6	189
China, Peoples Republic Of	37	111	0	0	148
Vietnam	8	47	20	26	101
Pakistan	3	79	0	6	88
Burma	0	33	0	1	34
Palestinian Authority	3	9	11	6	29
Other	44	451	7	24	526
Total	**252**	**3754**	**98**	**342**	**4446**

Of the 1151 people in the community under residence determinations as at 30 September 2011, around 34% were Iranian nationals, 17% were the Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Iraqi nationals.

Figure 5

People in Community under Residence Determination as at 30 September 2011					
Citizenship	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	121	142	59	75	397
Sri Lanka	66	62	34	38	200
Iraq	37	56	28	38	159
Afghanistan	13	35	5	75	128
Vietnam	4	9	7	10	30
Other	68	92	26	51	237
Total	**309**	**396**	**159**	**287**	**1151**

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 September 2011, there were 440 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre.

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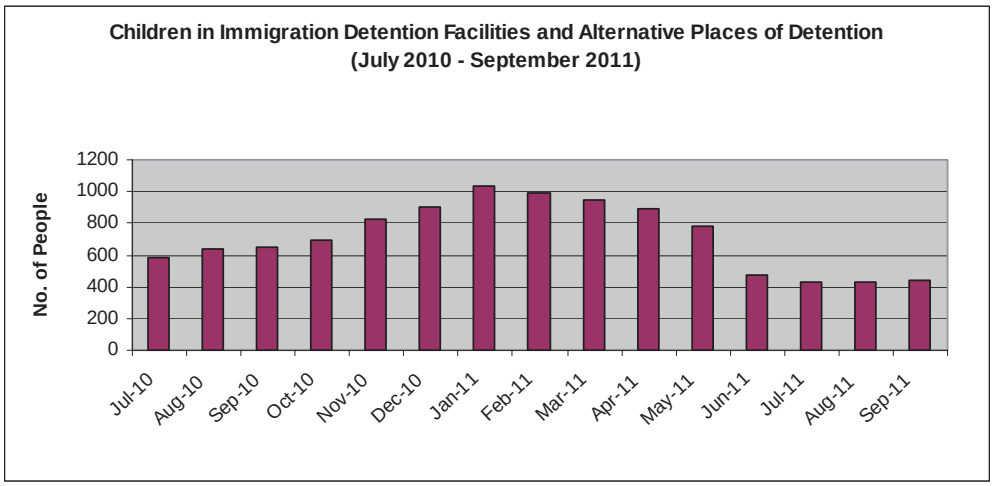

Note: Immigration detention facilities in Figure 6 refer to Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation.

The number of children living in the community under a residence determination has increased significantly since the Government's announcement on 18 October 2010, that it would move the majority of children and a significant number of vulnerable families into community based arrangements by 30 June 2011.

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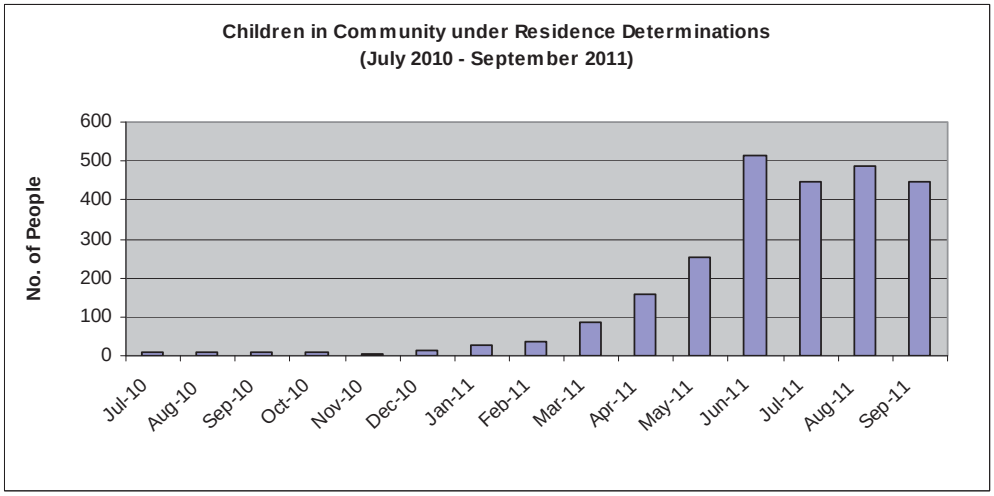

Figure 8

Children in Immigration Detention	
as at 30 September 2011	
Type	**Total**
Immigration Residential Housing	**42**
Immigration Transit Accommodation	**2**
Alternative Places of Detention	**396**
Total	**440**

Children in Community Residence Determination	**446**

Time in Detention

Of the 5597 people in immigration detention as at 30 September 2011, 3562 or 63% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

Length of Time in Detention as at 30 September 2011		
Period Detained	**Total**	**% of Total**
7 days or less	**307**	**5.5%**
8 days - 31 days	**173**	**3.1%**
32 days - 91 days	**695**	**12.4%**
92 days - 182 days	**758**	**13.5%**
183 days - 365 days	**1629**	**29.1%**
366 days - 547 days	**1445**	**25.8%**
548 days - 730 days	**534**	**9.5%**
Greater than 730 days	**56**	**1.0%**
Total	**5597**	**100%**