

## IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 19 February 2010

As at 19 February 2010, there were 2186 people in immigration detention, including 470 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1716 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 470 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 73 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, 13 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, four were in immigration residential housing and 50 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1716 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 146 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 143 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

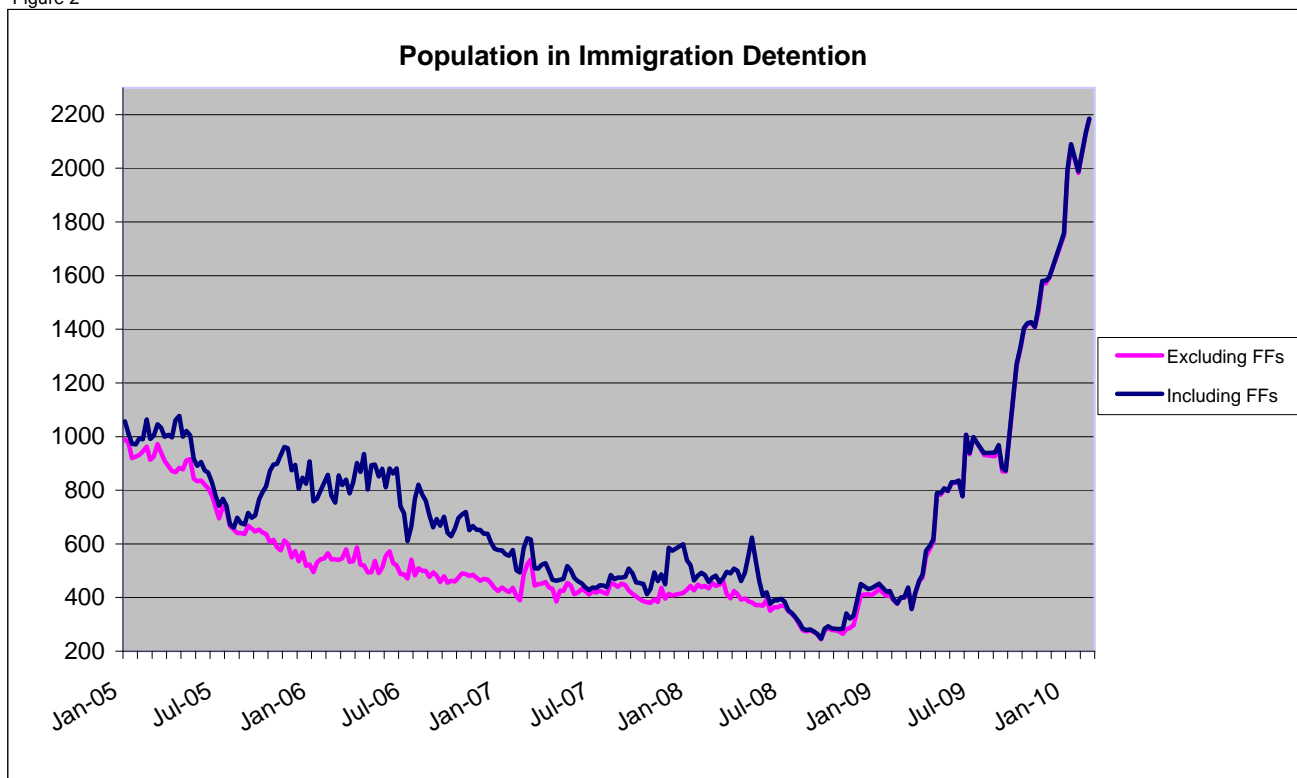
| Place of immigration detention <sup>1</sup><br>(Regular use capacity)                       | Men         | Women      | Children   | Total       | Change<br>from<br>12/02/10 |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Villawood IDC (358)   | 143         | 29         |            | 172         | + 35                       |
| Northern IDC (Darwin) (382)   | 36          |            |            | 36          | - 4                        |
| Maribyrnong IDC (70)  | 65          | 18         |            | 83          | + 38                       |
| Perth IDC (27)  | 21          | 3          |            | 24          | - 6                        |
| Christmas Island IDC (400)  | 1418        |            |            | 1418        | - 9                        |
| <b>Total in IDCs (1237)</b>   | <b>1683</b> | <b>50</b>  | <b>0</b>   | <b>1733</b> | <b>+ 54</b>                |
| Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (34)   | 18          | 5          | 2          | 25          | - 2                        |
| Perth Immigration Residential Housing (11)  | 8           | 3          | 2          | 13          | + 2                        |
| Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation (29)   | 4           | 6          | 18         | 28          | - 2                        |
| Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (30)  | 5           | 2          | 32         | 39          | + 20                       |
| <b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation (104)</b> | <b>35</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>54</b>  | <b>105</b>  | <b>+ 18</b>                |
| Community Detention <sup>2</sup> (Mainland)   | 13          | 1          | 6          | 20          | + 1                        |
| Community Detention (Christmas Island)  | 2           | 2          | 3          | 7           | - 1                        |
| Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community <sup>3</sup> (Mainland)                    | 14          | 2          | 13         | 29          | + 4                        |
| Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)                         | 97          | 51         | 143        | 291         | - 23                       |
| Restricted on Board Vessels in Port   | 1           |            |            | 1           | + 1                        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1845</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>2186</b> | <b>+ 54</b>                |

<sup>1</sup> Immigration detention as set out under s 189 or s 249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

<sup>2</sup> Community Detention does not require the person to be accompanied by a designated person.

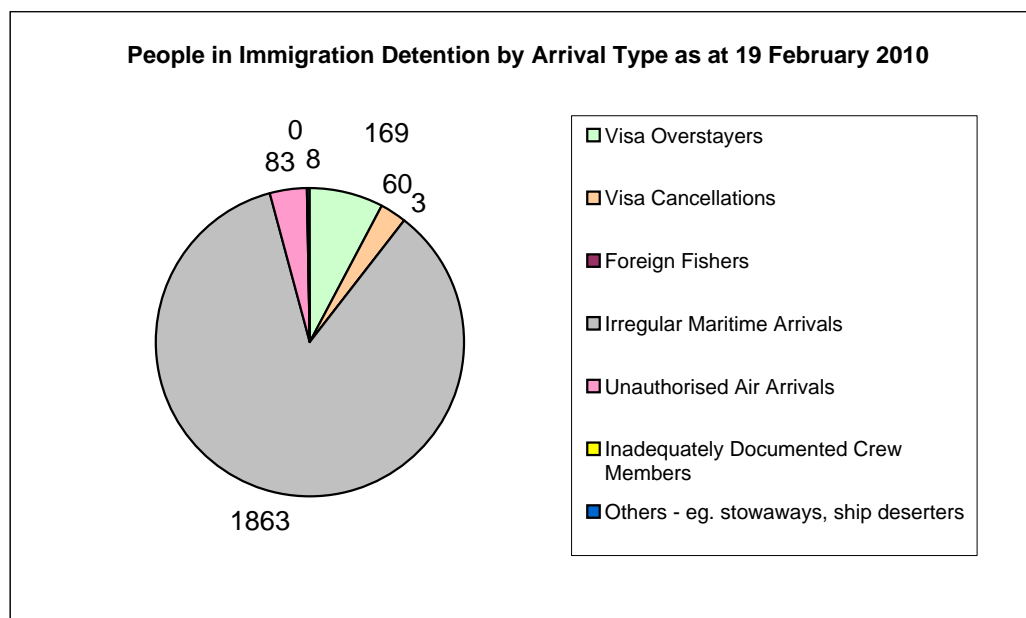
<sup>3</sup> Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 19 February 2010 there were 229 people (about 10 per cent of the total immigration population) who had arrived in Australia lawfully and were then taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation. The number of people in immigration detention who had arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 19 February 2010 was 1946, representing about 89 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 19 February 2010 there were 1113 people who had not applied for a protection visa while in immigration detention and were not undergoing a non-statutory refugee status assessment (RSA) at an excised offshore place such as Christmas Island. There were 47 people who, having applied for a protection visa after having been taken into immigration detention, were awaiting a decision from the Department on their protection visa application. A further 32 were seeking a merits-based or judicial review of a negative decision on their initial application for a protection visa or on an application remitted for decision by the RRT or the courts. There were 35 people who had their protection visa application refused. There were 959 who were in immigration detention on Christmas Island who were undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

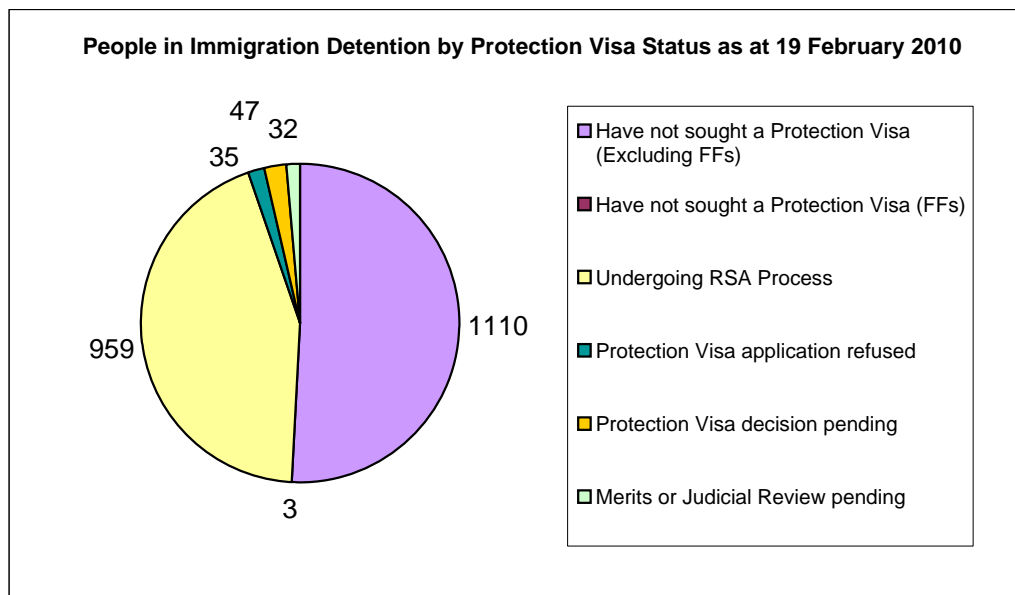


Figure 5

| Location of people in immigration detention as at 19 February 2010 |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
|  | No. of People as at Midnight Census |
| <b>Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)</b>                |                                     |
| Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)         | 314                                 |
| Christmas Island IDC   | 1418                                |
| <b>Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)</b>      | <b>1732</b>                         |
| <b>Alternative Detention (excluding FF)</b>                        |                                     |
| Immigration Residential Housing                                    | 38                                  |
| Immigration Transit Accommodation                                  | 67                                  |
| Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community                   | 318                                 |
| Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports                               | 1                                   |
| <b>Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements</b>       | <b>424</b>                          |
| <b>Community Detention</b>   |                                     |
| Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)                   | 20                                  |
| Community Detention, Christmas Island                              | 7                                   |
| <b>Total in Community Detention Arrangements</b>                   | <b>27</b>                           |
| <b>Foreign Fishers (FF)</b>  |                                     |
| Immigration Detention Centres                                      | 1                                   |
| Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community                   | 2                                   |
| <b>Total FFs</b>   | <b>3</b>                            |
| <b>TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION</b>                              | <b>2186</b>                         |

Figure 6

| People in immigration detention by nationality as at 19 February 2010 |             |            |                   |           |             |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Nationalities   | Adult       |            | Child (<18 years) |           | Total       |
|   | Male        | Female     | Male              | Female    |             |
| Afghanistan   | 698         | 25         | 119               | 18        | 860         |
| Sri Lanka   | 507         | 12         | 12                | 4         | 535         |
| Iraq  | 148         | 12         | 18                | 7         | 185         |
| China, Peoples Republic Of  | 78          | 21         |                   |           | 99          |
| Indonesia   | 75          | 8          | 16                |           | 99          |
| Iran  | 77          | 6          | 7                 | 3         | 93          |
| Malaysia  | 51          | 22         | 2                 |           | 75          |
| Burma   | 32          |            | 1                 |           | 33          |
| Vietnam   | 14          | 2          |                   |           | 16          |
| Nigeria   | 8           |            | 2                 |           | 10          |
| Other   | 157         | 14         | 6                 | 4         | 181         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1845</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>183</b>        | <b>36</b> | <b>2186</b> |

Figure 7

| Children in immigration detention as at 19 February 2010 |            |
|--|------------|
| Type   | Total      |
| Immigration Residential Housing                          | 4          |
| Immigration Transit Accommodation                        | 50         |
| Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community         | 156        |
| Community Detention                                      | 9          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>219</b> |

As at 19 February 2010, there were 219 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 156 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, four were in immigration residential housing and 50 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

| Length of time in detention as at 19 February 2010 |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Period Detained                                    | Total       | % of Total  |
| 7 days or less                                     | 157         | 7.2%        |
| 1 week - 1 month                                   | 488         | 22.3%       |
| 1 month - 3 months                                 | 870         | 39.8%       |
| 3 months - 6 months                                | 401         | 18.3%       |
| 6 months - 12 months                               | 224         | 10.2%       |
| 12 months - 18 months                              | 14          | 0.6%        |
| 18 months - 2 years                                | 9           | 0.4%        |
| Greater than 2 years                               | 23          | 1.1%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>2186</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Of the 2186 people in immigration detention as at 19 February 2010, 1515 had been detained for less than three months.