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New Zealand detainees on Christmas Island

1. Overall cost for the years 2017 and 2018. This includes flights and air transfers, as well as the cost of housing detainees there.

The estimated cost to the Department of detaining NZ citizens on Christmas Island in 2017 and 2018 was \$20.8m. This includes cost is based on the average cost per person per annum on Christmas Island across 2016-17 and 2017-18 for all detainees.

Note:

- *The above includes all costs specific to the facility including garrison and welfare, health services, and other costs.*
- *Only costs specific to Christmas Island are included in the above amount. It does not include other administrative costs associated with the operation of the immigration detention network as these costs are not allocated to individual facilities.*
- *The average cost reflects administered operating expenditure only and does not include departmental operating or capital costs.*

2. Total number of New Zealand citizens in the years 2017 and 2018 that have been detained on Christmas Island.

According to Departmental systems data as at 6am 06 September 2019, there were **160** New Zealand citizens detained on Christmas Island in the years 2017 and 2018.

Note: Information is based on departmental systems data as at 6am 06 September 2019.

Note: Where an individual was detained on Christmas Island multiple times over these years, they will only be counted once.

Note: Figure does not include the 44 New Zealand citizens that were located at Christmas Island at cob 31 December 2016.