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Documents relevant to the alternative place of detention (APOD) that Home Affairs has set up at Best Western motel in Fawkner in Melbourne.

1. The date the motel was designated as an APOD.

Best Western Motel in Melbourne (Fawkner) was designated as an APOD on 21 November 2018.

2. The number of people currently housed there and the total number of people who have been detained there.

As at 7 December 2020, there were **16** detainees located at the Best Western APOD (BWAPOD) in Victoria.

As at 7 December 2020, there have been **34** individuals detained at the Best Western APOD in Victoria since 28 February 2019.

3. Please provide a breakdown of their status: on cancelled visa, expired visa, asylum seeker or refugee.

Of the **34** individuals;

- **11** were IMA medical transitory persons
- **Eight** were IMAs non-transitory persons
- **Five** were s501 visa cancellations
- **Less than five** were other visa cancellations
- **Less than five** were Air Arrivals – Non Immi Cleared
- **Less than five** were Overstayers

4. The number of trips detainees have had to MITA in Broadmeadows for outdoor recreation and exercise since the APOD was opened.

This information is not readily available. Detainees located at the BWAPOD may nominate in advance to attend the MITA for Programs and Activities at any time.

5. How many APODs there are in use in Australia, and the number of people currently detained in APODs.

As at 7 December 2020, there were **17** APODs that were currently in use with individuals located in Australia.

As at 7 December 2020, there were **225** individuals located at APODs in Australia