

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0071) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (L&CA 9) asked:

Senator CASH: In relation to the statistics that have been uploaded to the department's website—the immigration detention statistics summary as at 30 April 2013—15 per cent of those in formal and community detention are women and 25 per cent are children. Does that then translate to 40 per cent of IMAs arriving being women and children?

Mr Cahill: No, not necessarily.

Mr Bowles: There is a cross-over with female children.

Senator CASH: Okay, so there is a cross-over with female children.

Mr Bowles: I would imagine.

Senator CASH: Actually, it may not be, because 15 per cent are 'women'—so I am assuming that is above the age of a minor—and 25 per cent are 'children'. So there should not be a cross-over if it is done on an age category.

Mr Cahill: My recollection is that we have very few single adult females—in other words, they do not come unaccompanied- they usually come in family groups. I know we are tracking around about 35 per cent of all arrivals being made up of families and unaccompanied minors. But I will confirm that for you later this morning.

*Answer:*

As at close of business on 27 May the financial year-to-date average breakdown of cohort between families, unaccompanied minors and single adult males is as follows: families is 30 per cent of arrivals; single adult males is 63 per cent; and unaccompanied minors is seven per cent.