

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(51) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries (L&C 100) asked:

Can you confirm that at the time you made the estimates of the number of arrivals you expected for the rest of the financial year, in October, when you were bidding for additional estimates revisions that the actual arrivals at that point were in the order of 1,018?

Answer:

The Department sought additional funding for processing irregular maritime arrivals in September 2009 and noted that 620 IMAs had arrived on Christmas Island in the financial year to 24 September 2009.