

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(275) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What was the average length of time for a primary RSA decision for IMA arrivals during 2009-10 and so far during 2010-11? Does this include those who are subject to the asylum freeze? If not please provide figures including those subject to the asylum freeze?

Answer:

In relation to irregular maritime arrivals, system reporting on processing times is not currently available, but is in development. When such reporting becomes available, the information can be provided to the committee.