

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(309) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

The 2010-11 Budget provided an allocation of \$357 786 000 for Program 4.3 - Offshore Asylum Seeker Management. What is the number of illegal maritime arrivals this figure was based upon? Has this figure been adjusted? By how much? What is it now?

Answer.

The \$357.786 million referred to in the question (page 59 of the 2010-11 PBS) only relates to the Program 4.3 administered appropriation estimate for the 2010-11 financial year.

The estimated number of IMAs used in the calculation model was 2,000. This 2000 IMA estimate was adjusted as part of the 2010-11 Additional Estimates process to 6629. The equivalent 2010-11 administered appropriation is \$597.134 million.