

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE12/0254) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

How many air arrivals presented as undocumented at the time of lodgement either:  
(a) at airports or (b) after immigration clearance in the year to date?

*Answer:*

- a) In the 2011-12 program year to 20 February 2012, 10\* people arrived at an Australian airport without documentation and raised a protection claim.
- b) DIAC systems data for Protection visa applicants does not always include information about documentation and it is therefore not possible to reliably report on air arrivals who presented as undocumented after immigration clearance. A proportion of applicants without recorded information about documentation would likely be children born subsequent to arrival or to the grant of a visa to a parent.

*\*Figures are manually sourced from departmental systems; the data may be subject to change.*