

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (AE12/0283) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How long was it taking on average to process the claims of asylum seekers in Villawood detention centre over February and March 2011? What was the average processing time for asylum seekers at the detention centre in April, May and June 2011?

*Answer:*

The average processing time for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) are not recorded by location.

The table below provides information on the average processing times from screening in to primary decision for all IMAs including those in the Villawood Detention Centre for the period February 2011 to June 2011.

Month	Time
Jan	153 days
Feb	153 days
Mar	152 days
Apr	147 days
May	142 days
Jun	112 days

**Note:** The figures provided above are drawn from historical operational data, which were initially held in multiple, manually-maintained data repositories. Due to different sources and methodologies employed over time, these figures may differ slightly from figures published elsewhere. All figures have been rounded to the nearest full day.