

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0311) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash (L&CA 76) asked:

How many individuals will be held in community detention?

Answer:

Over the past six months or so, around 1500 Irregular Maritime Arrivals have been residing in community detention.

This number will fluctuate depending on the number and characteristics of arrivals.