QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0378) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Leonora: How many asylum seekers are currently detained there? How many have been released on a bridging visa; into community detention or given a permanent visa?

Answer.

As at cob 13 February 2012 according to DIAC operational data:

- the number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) accommodated at Leonora Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) was 181.
- nil IMAs had been released from Leonora APOD on a bridging visa.
- from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012 there have been 300 IMAs placed into community detention from Leonora APOD.
- from 10 February 2011 to cob 13 February 2012 there have been 82 IMAs released on protection visas from Leonora APOD.