QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0056) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 65) asked:

How many people in the system have had an initial rejection but are in the appeals system? How many of those who have had an initial rejection are in the community and in detention?

Answer:

As at 31 December 2012, reporting systems indicated there were 975 irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) who were refused a Protection visa at the primary level under single processing arrangements and have lodged an appeal with the Refugee Review Tribunal. There were 66 clients at Judicial Review. The total in the appeal system is 1041.

Of the 1041 IMAs who were in the appeals system, 298 were in detention and 743 were in the community on a Bridging Visa E.