

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0134) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Please account for the whereabouts of each of the 32,795 IMAs who have arrived in Australia since November 2007 as at 11 February 2013: How many have claims currently in progress? Of those in progress: (a) How many have received an adverse security assessment? (b) How many are not part of the post August 13 caseload? (c) How many are currently awaiting an appeal in the MRT/RRT? (d) How many are currently awaiting an appeal in the courts, including a breakdown of the number of cases before the Federal Magistrates Court and Federal Court?

*Answer:*

The Department considers it is an unreasonable diversion of resources to identify a breakdown of the total number of IMAs by processing stage since September 2008.

However:

Approximately 39,500 people were intercepted between 1 September 2008 and close of business 30 April 2013.

Of the 39,500, around:

- 38,300 were Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs); and
- 1200 were identified as crew.

Below is a breakdown of the 39,500 IMAs and crew by location/outcome, approximately:

- 8300 in Held Detention;
- 2800 in Community Detention;
- 10 300 in the community on a Bridging Visa E including those in a regrant process;
- 700 located at a regional processing centre (this number includes one person in hospital and one person in police custody);
- 2400 removed from Australia or a Regional Processing Country either involuntarily or voluntarily;
- 14 600 granted a permanent visa;
- 90 Other (e.g. those in correctional facilities, escapes and deaths in detention);

- 240 were intercepted, but not yet processed; and
- 90 deceased at sea.