

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0140) 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 are currently at the Nauru offshore processing centre? (a) How many have received an adverse security assessment? (b) How many have voluntarily returned home?

Answer:

As at COB 11 February 2013 there were 415 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) at the regional processing centre on Nauru. Of those nil had received an adverse security assessment.

As at COB 11 February 2013 there were 56 IMAs who had been transferred to Nauru and had subsequently returned home voluntarily.

* According to DIAC operational data as at 11 February 2013.