QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0275) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Have any failed asylum seekers taken advantage of the reintegration package? How many in program years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date?

Answer:

The numbers of failed asylum seeker Irregular Maritime Arrivals who have returned to their country of origin with Individual Reintegration Assistance (IRA) packages are:

| • | 2010/11 | 24 |
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| • | 2011/12 | 35 |
| • | 2012/13 (as at 1 February 2013) | 4 |