

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0308) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

With reference to the Tamil Asylum Seekers who have been involuntary returned to Sri Lanka on what date did each of the returns occur?

Answer:

Between October 2008 and 1 February 2013, 751 Sri Lankan Irregular Maritime Arrivals were involuntarily removed:

- 2 clients on 04 October 2009
- 1 client on 10 October 2009
- 1 client on 17 October 2009
- 1 client on 13 November 2009
- 6 clients on 14 November 2009
- 1 client on 19 November 2009
- 1 client on 11 December 2009
- 1 client on 17 March 2010
- 1 client on 26 March 2010
- 14 clients on 27 October 2012
- 1 client on 31 October 2012
- 26 clients on 1 November 2012
- 30 clients on 7 November 2012
- 30 clients on 8 November 2012
- 33 clients on 9 November 2012
- 36 clients on 10 November 2012
- 30 clients on 13 November 2012
- 32 clients on 15 November 2012
- 50 clients on 18 November 2012
- 44 clients on 19 November 2012
- 100 clients on 21 November 2012
- 41 clients on 22 November 2012
- 27 clients on 23 November 2012
- 50 clients on 27 November 2012
- 50 clients on 30 November 2012
- 46 clients on 6 December 2012
- 42 clients on 13 December 2012
- 35 clients on 19 December 2012
- 19 clients on 17 January 2013

The department does not report on the claimed ethnicity of those clients removed, such as Tamil and Sinhalese.