

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0328) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many people have been processed on Christmas Island since the beginning of January and how many have been removed either to other detention facilities or visaed in that time?

*Answer:*

The number of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (including crew) who arrived and undertook initial processing on Christmas Island from 1 January 2013 to 11 February 2013 was 815.

There were 1433 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (including crew) transferred from Christmas Island to mainland facilities from 1 January 2013 to 11 February 2013.

There were nil visas (including nil bridging visa E's) granted from 1 January 2013 to 11 February 2013 for these clients.