QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0334) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many crew members of SIEVs have been removed from Australia and to where ? (breakdown by financial year since 07-08)

Answer:

In the 2007/08 program year, no Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) crew members were removed.

In the 2008/09 program year, 11 IMA crew members were removed to Indonesia.

In the 2009/10 program year, 14 IMA crew members were removed to Indonesia and 1 to Sri Lanka.

In the 2010/11 program year, 61 IMA crew members were removed to Indonesia.

In the 2011/12 program year, 311 IMA crew members were removed to Indonesia and 2 to Vietnam.

In the 2012/13 program year as at 1 February 2013, 405 IMA crew members were removed to Indonesia and 46 to Sri Lanka.