

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/143) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many boats arrived between the 19th July 2013 and today?

Can you breakdown these numbers further?

How many boats arrived between the 19th July 2013 and the 23rd September 2013?

What is the drop in boat arrivals over this period in terms of percentage?

How many boats arrived between the 23rd September 2013 and today?

What is the drop in boat arrivals over this period in terms of percentage?

How many boats arrived between the 19th November 2013 and today?

What is the drop in boat arrivals over this period in terms of percentage?

Answer:

A total of 76 boats arrived between 19 July 2013 and 21 February 2014.

During the period 19 July to 23 September 2013 a total of 54 boats arrived. In comparison to the previous year, a total of 77 boats arrived during 19 July to 23 September 2012 indicating a decrease in arrivals for the comparable period, by 30 per cent.

During the period 23 September 2013 to 21 February 2014 a total of 22 boats arrived. In comparison to the previous year, a total of 83 boats arrived during 23 September 2012 to 21 February 2013 indicating a decrease in arrivals for the comparable period, by 85 per cent.

During the period 19 November 2013 to 21 February 2014 a total of eight boats arrived. In comparison to the previous year, a total of 59 boats arrived during 19 November 2012 to 21 February 2013 indicating a decrease in arrivals for the comparable period, by 86 per cent.