

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(74) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Barnett (L&C 34) asked:

How many Sri Lankan IMAs arrived this year and in the previous year?

*Answer:*

As at COB 19 May 2010, 866 Sri Lankan IMAs arrived at Christmas Island in the 2009-2010 financial year.

In the 2008-2009 financial year, 292 Sri Lankan clients arrived at Christmas Island.