

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0290) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 19-20) asked:

In relation to the 20 who have had adverse security assessments, are there children accompanied by adults within that group? Are there unaccompanied minors within this group?

Answer:

As at 16 May 2011, 20 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) had received an adverse security assessment during 2010/11. None of these people was an unaccompanied minor.

As at 16 May 2011, two of those 20 people had children residing in Australia:

- One man arrived in Australia accompanied by his wife and child. The woman and her child made separate asylum claims to the man and currently reside in the community, having been granted Protection visas.
- One man arrived in Australia unaccompanied by his wife and children. The family has since been reunited and are housed together in appropriate immigration detention accommodation.