

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0588) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 72) asked:

In relation to the people who have arrived since the announcement on 7 May 2011:

- (a) how many children are being held?
- (b) in which facility on Christmas Island is this group being held?

Answer:

(a) As at 29 August 2011, there were 228 minors who were intercepted aboard suspected irregular entry vessels since the Prime Minister's joint statement with the Prime Minister of Malaysia on 7 May 2011.

(b) These minors are being accommodated in a range of alternative places of detention on Christmas Island and the mainland.