

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0600) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to the detainees in the various detention facilities who are asylum seekers transferred from Christmas Island: How many have had a refugee status assessment and been refused?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2011, there were 2359 Irregular Maritime Arrivals transferred from Christmas Island to immigration detention accommodation on the mainland who have been refused following a negative refugee status assessment.