

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0255) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 48 & written) asked:

Destruction of documents: How many onshore visa applications have been lodged by people other than IMAs who arrived without visas or documentation in 2011-12 to date?

Answer:

In the 2011-12 program year, DIAC systems show that 17 people arrived at an Australian port without documentation and sought to invoke Australia's protection obligations and were screened in by the delegate.

This does not include information about people who may have been awaiting removal and who subsequent to their arrival sought to invoke Australia's protection obligations.

** Figures are manually sourced from the Referrals and BIR systems.*