

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE12/0315) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash asked:

How many age determination hearings were there in 2011-2012? What was the outcome of each of those determinations? What has happened to those who have been found to lie about their age?

*Answer:*

#### *IMA Asylum seekers*

From 5 August 2011 until 12 June 2012, 612 age determination assessments have been conducted. Overall 267 have been found to be adults (43.62%).

#### *Indonesian crew*

From 8 December 2011 to 12 June 2012, 87 Indonesian crew have been age assessed. 50 of these have been found to be adults (57.47%).

Any information about age is provided to DIAC officers for detention placement and visa consideration purposes.