

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(BE12/0351) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash asked:

According to Departmental figures from 2007-08 to the end of November 2011, 770 visas have been refused after all review processes completed. How many of these failed asylum seekers have been removed from Australia? Where are the others? On what basis do they remain in Australia? Why haven't they been removed?

*Answer:*

Since October 2008, the Department has removed 146 Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) clients from Australia that were found not to be owed protection at either primary or review.

Those IMA clients who received a negative review outcome between 2008 to November 2011 and who remain in Australia are either in Immigration Detention (Immigration Detention Facilities or Community Detention) or in the community on a Bridging Visa E. Those clients remain in Australia because they:

- have since been found to be a refugee, either after a reassessment following the November 2010 High Court decision or being remitted to review after seeking judicial review; or
- have sought judicial review of their negative outcome and are awaiting the decision; or
- have no matters before the Department or the courts and the Department is seeking to establish identity for the purpose of confirming nationality and obtaining a travel document and/or agreement of the country of return in order to effect their removal.