

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0364) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L & CA 82) asked:

From 2008 to date, how many children have arrived as IMAs by financial year? How many have been unaccompanied minors? How many of these were subject to an age determination process? How many were found to be older than 18 years as a result of that process or other information?

Answer:

Below is a breakdown of the number of IMA minors who have arrived by Financial Year (including crew).

Financial Year	Accompanied Minors	Unaccompanied Minors	Total
2008/09	37	41	78
2009/10	311	437	748
2010/11	678	470	1148
1 July 2011 to cob 21 May 2012	506	856	1362
TOTAL	1532	1804	3336

Source: DIAC operational data

Since the introduction of the age determination pilot in mid 2010 to 12 June 2012, 759 IMAs have undergone an age determination process. Of the 759, 350 were found to be older than 18 years of age.