

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0461) Program: 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many instances of communicable diseases have been found on those who have arrived illegally by boat this financial year? How does that compare to last financial year?

Answer:

Following is the number of communicable and/or notifiable diseases - new cases identified in Immigration Detention Facilities - Irregular Maritime Arrivals. The data was provided by the Detention Health Services Provider.

	1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011	1 July 2011 - 30 April 2012
Total	94*	192*

** May include instances where the client arrived during the previous financial year and the diagnosis was confirmed in the financial year reported.*