

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0184) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 107) asked:

Senator CASH: What is the average stay on Christmas Island in days for a person?

Mr Cahill: We do not have the specifics. In the main, it is only a matter of weeks for clients, so three weeks is a broad rule of thumb. But I will take that on notice to make sure I am correct.

Answer:

Based on DIAC systems data as at COB 28th May 2013 the average length of time for all clients on Christmas Island was 23 days.