

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

BE13/0320 PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many onshore visa applications have been lodged by people (not IMA's) who arrived without visas or documentation in 2012-13?

Answer:

In 2012-13, to 31 May 2013, 37 people who arrived inappropriately documented* at Australian airports were screened in, seeking to engage Australia's protection obligations.

**Inappropriately Documented Arrivals refers to persons who were refused immigration clearance and arrived either without a travel document, with a travel document not in force, with a bogus travel document or with a travel document issued to someone else.*