

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0391) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many people on bridging visas and in community detention are currently accessing the ASAS? How does that compare with the same time last year i.e. May 2012? How many people are anticipated to be accessing ASAS in 2013-14?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2013, there were 9425 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) on a bridging visa accessing ASAS. This is in comparison to the 1446 IMAs who accessed ASAS in 2011-12.

We are unable to anticipate how many people will access ASAS. The Department uses a demand driven service model based on actual clients at that point in time.