

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0473) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Does the Department expect more women and children to be getting on boats and making the treacherous journey to Australia?

Answer:

The Department is unable to predict the composition of boat ventures which are yet to be formed.