

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0477) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many Departmental staff are currently on Cocos and Keeling Island assisting with IMAs and in what capacity?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2013, two departmental officers were located on Cocos Keeling Islands. These officers coordinate the detention and subsequent transfer of Irregular Maritime Arrivals to Christmas Island.