

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(227) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

1) How many people are awaiting primary decisions?

2) What percentage of them have been waiting more than 3 months? 6 months? Longer?

Answer:

As at 27 October 2010 there were 2972 Irregular Maritime Arrivals awaiting a primary Refugee Status Assessment decision. Of these:

- 1372 (46%) had requested a Refugee Status Assessment less than three months before that date.
- 1300 (44%) had requested a Refugee Status Assessment between three and six months before that date.
- 300 (10%) had requested a Refugee Status Assessment more than six months before that date.