

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(229) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

1) How many people are awaiting a review decision?

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

Answer:

As at 27 October 2010 there were 973 people awaiting an Independent Merits Review decision.

- 691 (71%) had requested an Independent Merits Review less than three months before that date.
- 275 (28%) had requested an Independent Merits Review between three and six months before that date.
- 7 (1%) had requested an Independent Merits Review more than six months before that date.