

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(252) Program: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many cases have been considered and determined by the IMR panel since it was introduced?
- (2) What is the average length of time taken to review a case by the IMR, from submission of the application to determination?
- (3) What has been the outcome of IMR decisions taken since their introduction, in terms of rejection or upheld?

Answer:

All of the following answers are effective COB 19 October 2010.

- (1) Since October 2008, when the independent merits review process was introduced, 499 cases were considered and determined.
- (2) 93 days.
- (3) Of the 499 cases determined, 190 cases were affirmed, i.e. the clients were found not to be owed refugee protection, and 309 cases were overturned, i.e. the clients were found to be owed refugee protection.