

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(299) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

How many of these IMAs have lodged protection claims? How many are still to be decided? How many are waiting for a review? How many not lodged and why?

Answer:

As at 15 October 2010, 3685 irregular maritime arrivals had lodged protection claims. Of these, 2853 were still awaiting a decision.

A further 832 people had been found not to be refugees at the primary stage, had sought review and were at some stage of the review process.

All of the irregular maritime arrivals who had received negative assessments had lodged a request for review.