

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(55) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 58) asked:

- (1) How many IMAs has the department budgeted for in the 2010-11 period?
- (2) How many did it budget for in 2009-10?
- (3) What were the final arrivals for that period?
- (4) What was the final cost to the budget of onshore detention facilities in 2009-10?
- (5) What is the budget for 2010-11?

Answer:

- (1) The estimate for the 2010-11 financial year was 2,000 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs).
- (2) The estimate for the 2009-10 financial year was 200 IMA arrivals. This was later increased to 1,400 arrivals.
- (3) In 2009-10 there were 5,627 IMAs (including 300 crew) in 117 vessels intercepted in Australian waters and taken to Christmas Island for processing.
- (4) The final cost to the budget of onshore detention facilities in 2009-10 was \$94.6 million (excluding depreciation) for program 4.2 "Onshore Detention Network" plus \$46.2 million (excluding depreciation) for the cost of accommodating IMAs in mainland facilities that is funded from program 4.3 "Offshore Asylum Seeker Management".
- (5) The budget for 2010-11 for onshore detention facilities is \$79.5 million (excluding depreciation) for program 4.2 plus \$197.9 million (excluding depreciation) for the cost of accommodating IMAs in mainland facilities funded from program 4.3.