

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE11/0241) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA) asked:

Have any IMAs or onshore asylum seekers been British citizens? If yes, how many? What has happened to them? From whom were they claiming persecution?

*Answer:*

In the period since July 2008 there has been one irregular maritime arrival with both British and Afghan citizenship. This person departed voluntarily.

In the period since July 2008 there have been 26 applications for Protection visas by people with citizenship recorded as British. There is no record in the past decade of a Protection visa grant to a British citizen.