

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0243) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) arriving since August 2008 have been granted visas? Of those granted visas please provide a breakdown by nationality, country of origin, age and gender. Of those who arrived during this period how many have been refused visas and returned? How many are in the review process including a breakdown of primary, IPA and court?

Answer:

Annual and quarterly figures for visa grants and refusals by citizenship for irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) and non-IMAs, including breakdowns by age and sex, are published on the DIAC website at:

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/

www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/statistics/asylum/_files/asylum-trends-aus-annual-2010-11.pdf

The quarterly publication includes information on the number of IMA cases seeking review at the end of each period.

The numbers of IMA asylum seekers who were voluntarily returned during the past three program years are:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
13	124	78