

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0266) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

How many unlawful non citizens have been located in 2010-2011 and the year to date, as a result of compliance activities?

Answer:

In the 2010-11 program year, 13 831 unlawful non-citizens were located through compliance activities. These unlawful non-citizens were located either as a result of compliance field activities or by the client voluntarily approaching the Department. There has been an increase in the number of clients approaching the department seeking to resolve their immigration status partly as a result of an increase in communications activities.

In the 2011-12 program year (from 1 July to 30 September 2011) 3 915 unlawful non-citizens were located.