

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0389) Program 2.1: Irregular Maritime Arrivals

Senator Cash asked:

Number of detainees in detention: How many of the detainees in the various detention facilities are asylum seekers transferred from Christmas Island?

Answer:

Under Government policy, irregular maritime arrivals intercepted in Australian waters are transferred to Christmas Island for initial reception processing. Following completion of initial processing, the majority of clients are then transferred to immigration detention facilities on the Australian mainland for further processing. As at cob 16 October 2011 there were 3952 irregular maritime arrivals in various immigration detention facilities on the Australian mainland who were transferred from Christmas Island.