

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE12/0358B) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many asylum seekers were disembarked at Christmas Island by the MV Parsifal? Breakdown by age, gender, claimed country of origin and family group?

*Answer:*

Sixty-five asylum seekers disembarked from the MV Parsifal at Christmas Island.

Twenty-one are aged between 16 and 25 years, 27 are aged between 26 and 35 years, and 17 are aged over 35 years. All asylum seekers were male. Fifty-eight asylum seekers stated they are Afghan, and seven stated they are Pakistani.

There are no family groups.