

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0475) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA103) asked:

Could you provide the number of unaccompanied minors in the system on the mainland?

*Answer:*

According to DIAC operational data, as at COB 15 October there were 357 unaccompanied minors (excluding crew) who arrived as irregular maritime arrivals and are being processed on the Australian mainland in community detention or in alternative places of immigration detention. This is inclusive of claimed unaccompanied minors who are subject to age determination.