

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0522) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many people are currently in the immigration detention network, including APODs and community detention, and how many people are in the community on bridging visas?

Answer:

According to DIAC operational data, as at COB 15 October 2012 there were 7483 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) in immigration detention facilities including APODs. There were 1641 IMAs in community detention.

According to DIAC systems, as at COB 15 October 2012, there were 6177 IMAs in the community on bridging visas.