

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0627) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Christmas Island: What is the latest data on the number of critical incidents, since the beginning of this calendar year to the current date? Is the department concerned about the rising level of critical incidents given that in the lead up to the riots in March, there was also a discernible rise in critical incidents?

Answer:

According to DIAC systems:

- 418 critical incidents occurred and were recorded on Christmas Island between 1 March 2011 and COB 31 December 2011;
- 124 critical incidents occurred and were recorded on Christmas Island from 1 January 2012 to COB 15 October 2012.

There has been a significant reduction in the number of critical incidents recorded on Christmas Island in the 2012 calendar year.