

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0673) PROGRAM – 4.6: Refugee Status Determination for Offshore Entry Persons

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many IMR decisions, and what percentage of the total number of IMR decisions, were appealed to the Federal Magistrates Court in 2010/11 and 2011/12?

Answer:

As at 30 June 2012, 4424 Independent Merits Review (IMR) assessments had been made.

In 2010/2011, 145 applications for judicial review of IMR assessments were filed in the Federal Magistrates Court (FMC). In 2011/2012, 419 applications were filed in the FMC. The total number of applications filed in the FMC for the relevant period was 564.

The 564 applications to the FMC represents approximately 13% of all IMR assessments made.