

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0675) PROGRAM – 4.6: Refugee Status Determination for Offshore Entry Persons

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many IMAs had not received a primary RSA decision prior to March 24? How many IMAs have turned up since March 24? How many primary negative RSA decisions have been handed down for IMAs since March 24? How many of the cases have resulted in appeals being lodged with the RRT? Will these appeals be funded by the taxpayer?

Answer:

Quarterly statistics including non-statutory review outcomes are on the departmental website and updated as soon as collated.

Between 24 March 2012 and 30 September 2012 the RRT had received applications for review from 451 irregular maritime arrivals. There is no fee when applying for review by the RRT; however, if the RRT affirms the primary decision a post-decision fee of \$1,540 applies. The payment of this fee is the responsibility of the applicant, not of the taxpayer.