

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0035) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Carr (L&CA 77) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Since 7 September, how many people have been transferred to Manus Island with the same criteria: how many are women, how many are under 18 and how many are minors.

Mr Bowles: I can tell you that since 7 September there have been no women transferred to Manus Island. They are single adult males. There have been some people who had claimed to be adults that have subsequently claimed to be minors that we have dealt with and returned—

Senator KIM CARR: Sure. That is the usual. How many are in that category?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice. It is a small number, though, Senator.

*Answer:*

Between 7 September 2013 and 15 November 2013, three transferees were relocated to Australia after the Department acknowledged the likelihood of claims made after arrival on Manus of being a minor.