

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0279) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

Asylum-seeker double-dippers:

How many of these IMAs were found to have used different names on their most recent applications than the ones they used when they first made an application for asylum? What are their countries of origin? How many of these IMAs came without documentation? How many volunteered information about their previous arrival? How many were previously granted protection or temporary protection visas prior to 2007? When did they leave Australia? How many of these IMAs were subsequently granted a protection or bridging visa? How many of those granted permanent visas have applied for family reunion? How many of these IMAs have returned to their countries of origin? How many of these arrivals are being considered for release into the community on bridging visas? How many of these people had previously lodged an offshore claim for asylum and were rejected?

Answer:

The information sought is not held in a consolidated form by the department. It would be a significant task to collate this information requiring the diversion of considerable departmental resources.