QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0347) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Cocos (Keeling) Islands: How many asylum seekers have arrived on Cocos/Keeling Islands since November 2007?

Answer:

According to DIAC operational data as at COB 15 October 2012, 2727 Irregular Maritime Arrivals have been intercepted in the vicinity of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands since November 2007.