

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/078) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Onshore Management**

Senator Seselja (L&CA 37) asked:

Senator SESELJA: On notice perhaps you can give us some idea, through the last six months of the last calendar year or the first six months of this financial year, as to the average number of school-age children on Christmas Island versus the 12 full time, so I can get a bit of a picture of the adequacy of that.

Answer:

There was an average of 83 primary school aged illegal maritime arrival children on Christmas Island each month during the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013.