

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/302) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How are people voluntarily removed from Australia, PNG and Nauru?

- a. How many people have been voluntarily removed from PNG since 7 September 2013?
- b. Since the last estimates in February?

Answer:

People in immigration detention can request their removal from Australia at any time and the department will work with such persons to facilitate their request. Likewise, people at an offshore processing centre can request voluntary return at any time and the department or the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will facilitate their request.

In the period 7 September 2013 to 26 May 2014 there were 255 people voluntarily removed from Papua New Guinea. The number of people voluntarily removed from Papua New Guinea since the last estimates in February 2014 to 26 May 2014 is 85.