

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(22) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Humphries (L&CA 64-65) asked:

Have any of the (boat) arrivals in this most recent round been previous boat arrivals in Australia, onshore or offshore? Were any of them previously on the *Tampa*?

Answer:

Of the recent boat arrivals between 2 October 2008 and 19 January 2009:

- Four Offshore Entry Persons (OEP's) have been in Australia before. They had been granted temporary protection visas and departed Australia of their own accord.
- Five OEP's were processed on Nauru and accepted voluntary reintegration packages to return home after being found not to be owed protection. Of these, four were previously on the Tampa.