

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(128) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many have received negative assessments?

What has happened to those people?

Answer:

Between 1 July 2010 and 14 April 2011 20 adverse security assessment have been issued by ASIO for asylum seekers who were irregular maritime arrivals

The Migration Regulations do not allow a protection visa to be granted to individuals who are the subject of an adverse security assessment. The Department will examine long-term and sustainable outcomes for IMAs who are issued with an adverse security assessment. The options available for resolving a case will depend on the individual's circumstances and the Department will develop individualised management plans for this group in close consultation with the individuals. Individuals who receive an adverse security assessment will remain in immigration detention until options become available to resolve their case.