

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(277) Program 4.3 Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many people are awaiting a review decision? What percentage of them have been waiting for more than 3 months? 6 months? Longer than 6 months? If longer than 6 months please advise how long.

Answer.

As at 28 February 2011, 1, 436 clients were awaiting a review decision.

A further 145 clients were awaiting a reconsideration of a previous IMR recommendation, following the High Court decision of November 2010.

Excluding the High Court reconsideration cases:

- 729 (51%) had been waiting more than 3 months.
- 209 (15%) had been waiting more than 6 months
- For those waiting more than 6 months, there were:
 - 6 to 7 months: 122 (8%)
 - 7 to 8 months: 68 (5%)
 - 8 to 9 months: 10 (0.7%)
 - 9 to 10 months: 5 (0.3%)
 - 10 to 11 months: 4 (0.3%)