

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(281) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many IMAs in the course of 2009-10 and the years to date have had ASIO security checks?

Answer:

During the 2009/2010 program year, 2921 referrals relating to irregular maritime arrivals were sent to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation for clearance. Of these 1892 referrals have come back cleared.

During the 2010/2011 program year to 29 March 2011, 3047 referrals relating to irregular maritime arrivals were sent to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation for clearance. Of these, 1084 have come back cleared.