

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(296) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

How many cases have been considered and determined by the IMR panel since it was introduced? What is the average length of time taken to review a case by the IMR, from submission of the application to determination? What has been the outcome of the IMR decisions taken since introduction, in terms of rejection or upheld?

*Answer:*

From October 2008 to 28 February 2011, 910 reviews have been considered and determined.

In this period, the average time for undertaking a request for review has been 116 days (approximately 17 weeks).

There have been 641 (70.4%) recommendations that refugee claimants be recognised as refugees and 269 recommendations that refugee claimants not be recognised as refugees.