

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0285) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 68) asked:

Of the 88 Indonesian crew, how many have been assisted or put in contact with the Indonesian consulate? How many people identifying as minors have not yet been in contact with the consulate?

*Answer:*

All irregular maritime arrivals (including Indonesian crew) are offered access by departmental officers to the consular services of their country of origin within 48 hours of arrival. Individuals may make a request to access consular services of any government at any time.

The Department is not privy to individual contact with consular officials unless specifically requested to assist.