QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0006) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 15) asked:

Can the department confirm the figures of 32 795 people arriving on 560 boats since 2007 as at today (11/02/2013)?

Answer:

Between 1 January 2007 and 11 February 2013, there were 565 suspected irregular entry vessels that were intercepted. These vessels had 33 202 Irregular Maritime Arrivals on board, including 1098 identified crew.

^{*} Information is at time of Interception.