

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/257) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Refer to Minister's media release dated Thursday 5 December 2013 describing Christmas Island incident. The media release said 28 persons came ashore on Christmas Island on Monday 2 December.

Can you confirm the number of people involved in the incident as 28?

Could you please provide an update as to where those people are now? According to the media release on the 5 December:

- o 8 including 2 crew housed at Phosphate Hill facility in care of DIBP;
- o 1 at Christmas Island hospital after sustaining minor injuries;
- o 5 being escorted to Phosphate Hill facility;
- o 5 sighted on two locations on south eastern side of Christmas Island;
- o 9 were believed to be in heavy jungle and a search was underway coordinated by AFP.

*Answer:*

Initial unconfirmed reports suggested that there were 28 persons on the vessel which came ashore at Christmas Island on 2 December 2013. When all persons were located and detained the final count confirmed that the vessel was carrying 27 illegal maritime arrivals (IMAs).

As at 25 February 2014, the 27 IMAs were at the following locations:

- 13 in Immigration Detention Facilities
- 13 in Offshore Processing Centres
- 1 returned to Indonesia.