

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/399) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Were there any requests for consular assistance from maritime entries if so how many and to which countries and did these requests result in consular advice being provided and if not why not?

Answer:

All people in immigration detention are offered access to consular assistance. It is up to each individual whether they take up that offer. Should a detainee request to access Consular assistance during their time in detention, the department and its service providers will facilitate that request.

The department is not able to respond to the question relation to the number of requests for consular assistance because this data is not recorded in departmental systems.