

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(95) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Humphries (L&C 65) asked:

How many people are arriving as IMAs without documentation at the moment?

*Answer:*

Between 1 January and 20 March 2010, 242 out of 1146 (21%) irregular maritime arrivals held documentation that could assist the Department in identifying them. This is a slight reduction from 2009 where 728 of 2446 (30%) IMA held documentation that could assist the Department in identifying them.