

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0242) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Barnett (L&CA 121) asked:

How many irregular maritime arrivals are identified on the Movement Alert List (MAL)?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2011, there were 4 990 person alert records associated with people who had either bypassed immigration clearance or had been refused immigration clearance.

The people in this category include Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) clients, as well as other clients who were refused clearance at Australia's border or had bypassed immigration clearance. There is no ready way to identify IMA clients without checking individual alert records.