QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0270) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many IMAs who arrived in Australia since 7 May 2011 have been undocumented? What is that in terms of percentage of those arrivals?

Answer.

Of the 229 IMAs who arrived between 7 May 2011 and 24 May 2011, 184 (80%) were undocumented.

("Undocumented" means holding no form of identifying document (official or semi-official) which contains, at a minimum, the IMA's name).