

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0590) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 59) asked:

In relation to the people who have arrived since the announcement on 7 May 2011, have any of these people applied for asylum in Australia and said, 'I would like to put my hand up for a protection visa?'

Answer:

Individuals who were taken to Christmas Island following the Government's announcement of 7 May 2011 were detained pending removal to a third country.

The Government have since announced on 25 July 2011 that this client cohort will now be processed in Australia.