

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0083) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Rhiannon (L&CA 21) asked:

Senator RHIANNON: Mr Bowles, how many asylum seekers in 2012-13 were on bridging visas and eligible for support under the \$379 million allocation.

Mr Bowles: Senator, I will take that on notice to make sure I get the accurate calculation. Basically, if they only came within the last 12 months and they are in the community on a bridging visa, it will be all of those that have arrived.

Answer:

As at 28 May 2013, 13 891 Irregular Maritime Arrivals on a Bridging E visa were eligible for support under the \$379 million allocation.