## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013** 

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0136) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 70) asked:

Senator Cash: Do you have the figures on how many women and children have been released on bridging visas in 2012-13?

## Answer:

In 2012-13, a total of 965 women and 345 children who arrived as Irregular Maritime Arrivals have been released on Bridging visas, as at 28 May 2013.