

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0311) PROGRAM – MRT-RRT

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

2013-14 Budget paper Two notes that 'Currently in Australia, a significant number of negative decisions on asylum claims at primary assessment are overturned on review.' For 2012-13, how many primary claims were overturned on review'?

Answer:

For the 2012-13 financial year to 31 May 2013, the RRT set aside the primary decision in 38 per cent of cases (1,272 of 3,356 decisions). For Irregular Maritime Arrival cases only, the set aside rate was 69 per cent, or 707 of 1,028 decisions. For all other RRT cases, the set aside rate was 24 per cent, or 565 of 1,028 decisions.