

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0404) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many failed asylum seekers from the IMA caseload have been removed from Australia since August 2008?

Answer:

Between August 2008 and 26 May 2013, of the 2563 Irregular Maritime Arrivals removed from Australia, 155 were failed asylum seekers. The remainder either did not raise claims that engaged Australia's non-refoulement obligations or chose not to have their claims tested.