QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0457) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

When were the first IMAs actually returned by the Department to Sri Lanka?

Answer:

The Department facilitated the first removal of an Irregular Maritime Arrivals client to Sri Lanka on 22 December 2008.