

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0458) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many Tamils have involuntarily been sent back?

Answer:

Between October 2008 and 26 May 2013, 980 Sri Lankan Irregular Maritime Arrivals were involuntarily removed. Of these, 407 claimed to be of Tamil ethnicity.