

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(124) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Abetz asked:

How many “boat people” are currently in the “pipeline”?

*Answer:*

It is not possible to provide accurate data on the pipeline of potential irregular immigrants (PIIs), as the situation in source and transit countries is fluid and populations fluctuate.