

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(125) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the monthly average for arrivals of “boat people” in 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Answer:

A monthly breakdown of irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs) for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 calendar years is as follows:

2008 – 13 IMAs per month

2009 – 227 IMAs per month

2010 – 474 IMAs per month

Note: the 2010 monthly arrival figure is an average of arrivals up to and including SIEV 210 intercepted 11 November 2010.