

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (126) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz asked:

For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 how long, on average, have arrivals spent in detention?

Answer:

The table below indicates the average time in immigration detention (from arrival to outcome) for Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) clients granted a visa or removed (voluntary removal) in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (not including crew)

Year	Average time in immigration detention to visa grant	Average time in immigration detention to voluntary removal
2008	Not applicable <sup>1</sup>	25 days
2009	102 days	83 days
2010 to cob 25 October 2010	160 days	183 days

<sup>1</sup> No Irregular Maritime Arrival clients were granted a visa in 2008