

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(228) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

(1) What was the average length of time for a primary RSA decision for IMA arrivals during 2009-10 and to date during 2010-11? Please include those who are subject to the asylum freeze.

(2) For those same years, how many were refused and how many subsequently appealed in both 2009/10 financial year and the 2010/11 financial year to date?

*Answer:*

(1) The average length of time for a primary RSA decision for IMAs in the 2009-10 financial year was 72 days. This figure includes any people who were subject to processing suspensions who have had a primary RSA decision subsequent to the suspension being lifted.

In the 2010-11 financial year to 27 October 2010, the average length of time for a primary RSA decision was 65 days. This figure includes any people who were subject to processing suspensions who have had a primary RSA decision subsequent to the suspension being lifted.

(2) There were 4790 irregular maritime arrivals in the 2009-10 financial year. As at 27 October 2010, 1414 have been refused at the primary level and 1318 of those refused have requested a review of the negative RSA assessment.

There have been 2025 irregular maritime arrivals in the 2010-11 financial year (to 27 October 2010). As at 27 October 2010, 121 have been refused at the primary level and 65 of those refused have requested a review of the negative RSA assessment.