

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(327) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

(1) The 2010-2011 Budget provided an allocation of \$357,786,000 for Program 4.3 – Offshore Asylum Seeker Management. What is the number of illegal maritime arrivals this figure was based upon?

(2) Has this figure been adjusted? By how much? What is it now?

*Answer.*

(1) The estimate for the 2010-11 financial year was based on 2,000 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) and an average occupancy of 1,800.

(2) No, the Budget estimate has not been adjusted. While it is likely that this figure will increase, the numbers have not yet been agreed with Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).