

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0219) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash, Senator for Western Australia (L&CA) asked:

Inverbrackie: How many asylum seekers at Inverbrackie are waiting for their initial assessment for refugee status to be processed? How many have had their initial assessment for refugee status declined by the Department? How many, after their initial assessment was declined, have sought a review through the Independent merits Review process? How many have received a protection visa after the Independent Merits Review process? How many were declined?

Answer:

Of the 264 clients at Inverbrackie Immigration Detention Centre on 17 October 2011:

- 202 were awaiting their primary assessment;
- 56 had received a negative primary assessment and been referred for Independent Merits Review / Independent Protection Assessment;
- six were found to be a Refugee following a review of the primary decision and were awaiting Health, Security and Character checks.
- Nil had received a Protection visa after Independent Merits Review; and
- Nil had received a negative decision at review.