

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0228) Program 2.1 REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

How many age-disputes are there in Immigration detention?

Answer.

The term “Age-dispute” has been defined as an instance where:

- the claimed age of a client is less than 18 years and there are concerns that the client is older than their claimed age, or
- the claimed age of a client is more than 18 years and there are concerns that the client is younger than their claimed age.

As at 18 November 2011 there are 77 clients in immigration detention awaiting an age determination assessment. Numbers are constantly varying due to new boat arrivals and clients seeking to change their date of birth after arrival.