QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0235) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 116) asked:

How many onshore visa applications have been lodged by people other than IMAs who arrived without visas or documentation in 2010-11 and the year to date?

Answer.

In 2010–11, 27 people arrived at an Australian airport without documentation and raised a protection claim.

For the first quarter 2011-12, there were 3 people who arrived at an Australian airport without documentation and raised a protection claim.