

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0262) Program 2.1: Irregular Maritime Arrivals

Senator Cash asked:

How many failed asylum seekers remain in Australia from the IMA cohort by nationality, age, gender and country of origin? Where are they? What will happen to them?

Answer:

According to DIAC operational data as at cob 16 October 2011, there are 14 IMA clients who have been found not to be a refugee after completion of the Judicial Review process. All 14 clients are adult males from 24 to 39 years of age.

Please see table below for details.

	Afghanistan	Iraq	Sri Lanka	Stateless	TOTAL
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)	2		3		5
Maribyrnong IDC	3				3
Scherger IDC			2		2
Villawood IDC		1	1	2	4
TOTAL	5	1	6	2	14

The Department is under a general legal obligation to remove unlawful non-citizens as soon as reasonably practicable. Pre-removal planning processes, including pre-removal clearances and obtaining travel documents, commence once a person has completed all processes related to protection claims and any judicial review.