

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

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

#### **(SE12/0455) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 75) asked:

Since the beginning of January, how many people have been processed on Christmas Island and how many have either been moved to other detention centres or obtained visas in that time?

*Answer:*

According to DIAC operational data, from 1 January 2012 to cob 15 October 2012:

- 11,702 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) and crew had initial processing on Christmas Island; and
- 9,614 IMAs and crew were transferred from Christmas Island into mainland detention facilities.

According to DIAC systems data, from 1 January 2012 to COB 15 October 2012 there have been 104 IMAs granted bridging visas from Christmas Island.