

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0032) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (L&CA 76) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I think we both get the gist of what is being said here. Could I ask you, in regard to the change in the arrival patterns, how many people since 7 September are currently in immigration detention in Australia?

Mr Bowles: Since 7 September?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Bowles: In the onshore environment, there would properly be some in Darwin who might have been direct arrivals in Darwin. I would have to get that number for you.

Answer:

According to DIBP operational data as at 15 November 2013, there were 393 IMAs in immigration detention facilities in Australia who arrived on or after 8 September 2013, including 21 crew.

* The number of people in immigration detention changes on a daily basis. In this dynamic environment, there can be some lag time between action taken on the ground to transfer a client from a detention facility into community detention, release a client from immigration detention into the community following grant of a bridging visa or a protection visa, or remove a client from Australia and the recording of these milestones in DIBP systems.