

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

#### **(159) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (L&CA 70) asked:

How many of the 180 people who had their visas cancelled because they provided incorrect information were onshore and prosecuted in Australian courts? If so, what were the penalties?

*Answer:*

In the 2010-11 financial year to 31 December 2010, 180 clients had their visa cancelled under section 109 of the *Migration Act 1958* as a result of their, or their primary applicant, providing fraudulent or false information and/or documents to the Department. All of these cancellations occurred while the clients were onshore.

None of the 180 clients noted above have had cases commence before the Australian courts.