QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(172) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

During 2009-2010 the department cancelled 58 visas and 28 had been removed from Australia. What is the status of the rest of those cancelled visa holders?

Answer.

Departmental systems indicate that as at 11 March 2011 of the 58 visas cancelled under s501 in 2009-10:

- 35 are no longer in Australia
- five were in immigration detention
- 12 were still in prison (including two who had had their cancellation overturned by the AAT)
- six had been released into the community after having their cancellation overturned by the AAT.