

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(315) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Are the Tamils who were refused security clearance by ASIO still on Christmas Island? If yes, has the department found a third country to accept some or all of them?

*Answer:*

As at 21 February 2011, three adult Tamils who received adverse security assessments were being accommodated on Christmas Island.

The Department continues to seek third country settlement options for these clients.