

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0293) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash asked:

How many people have been prosecuted for presenting false or fraudulent documents over the last 10 years? If no-one has been prosecuted, why do we have laws about this if we don't prosecute anyone?

*Answer:*

Section 234 (1) of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) is entitled "False Documents and False or misleading information etc. relating to non-citizens".

Prosecution statistics confirm that between 2002 and 2012 a total of 173 prosecutions have been undertaken against persons alleged to have committed offences against Section 234 (1) of the Act.

A total of 142 prosecutions have resulted in convictions.