

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0396) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to the Government's announcement on 13 October 2011 that asylum seekers will be released into the community; Please outline all the temporary and bridging visa sub-classes that have been provided to asylum seekers under these new arrangements. How many people have been released on bridging visas to date and on what kind of visa? How many have been released on a residence determination? How many are in community detention?

Answer:

The only type of Bridging visa which asylum seekers are granted to enable them to live in the community is Subclass 050 – Bridging (General) visa (BVE 050).

At 13 February 2012, **257** Bridging visas E grants have been made to IMAs.

As at 13 February 2012, 3196 people had been approved for residence determination. Of these, 1576 were living in community-based arrangements (1047 adults and 529 children).