

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0084) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 91) asked:

How many people in community detention or on a bridging visa have been arrested?

Answer:

As at 11 February 2013, the Department had been notified of a total of 14 clients who had been arrested while in community detention since the expansion of the program in October 2010. Nine of these clients subsequently had their residence determination revoked.

Departmental records also indicate that, as at 11 February 2013, four Irregular Maritime Arrivals released on bridging visas had been arrested.