

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0272) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In respect of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Government and the Government of Afghanistan that was signed on 17 January 2011: How many failed Afghan asylum seekers have been returned to Afghanistan (a) voluntarily (b) non-voluntarily in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date?

*Answer:*

In the 2011/12 program year, two Afghan failed asylum seekers were voluntarily removed to Afghanistan. None were involuntarily removed.

In the 2012/13 program year as at 1 February 2013, one Afghan failed asylum seeker was voluntarily removed to Afghanistan and two were involuntarily removed to Afghanistan.