

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0365) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Has any one of the 100 or so individuals involved in the Villawood riots in March/April last year been charged? Has anyone been convicted? Have any of them had their visas refused or cancelled on the basis of the general character provisions? Any other provisions? Why not?

Answer:

As at 11 February 2013:

- a) 16 individuals have been charged for their involvement in the Villawood riots.
- b) One individual has been convicted and two are waiting to be sentenced.
- c) None of the individuals involved in the Villawood riots have been granted a visa. None of the individuals involved have had a visa cancelled or refused on the basis of general character provisions or any other provisions.
- d) Court proceedings in NSW started on 21 January 2013 for 13 of the 16 involved in the Villawood riots. Two individuals are waiting to be sentenced and the individual who has been convicted voluntarily departed Australia.