

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0347) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to QoN 197 from the February Additional Estimates, which states that “as at 28 February 2011, 113 clients have absconded since August 2008. 75 clients were relocated and the remaining 38 are still at large”. Please provide details of the 75 detainees who were relocated – where did they abscond from, how long did they abscond for, where were they located, and what action resulted in their relocation and recapture?

Answer:

From August 2008 to 30 June 2011, 142 clients absconded from immigration detention. As at 15 August 2011, 84 clients had been located.

Please see the table in Attachment A detailing where they absconded from, when they were located and their location or immigration status as at 15 August 2011.

This period includes six clients who absconded twice and one client who absconded three times.