

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0525) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 103) asked:

Have any families been moved from Inverbrackie to community detention in Brisbane? What are the reasons for their departures, were they complete family groups, what was the composition of the family groups moved, and did any move include a father and two sons?

Answer:

Fifteen families were moved from Inverbrackie detention facility to community detention in Brisbane between October 2010 and the end of June 2011. These families have been moved as they were approved for community detention by the Minister. Wherever possible, complete family units, including extended family members, are moved into community detention.

The composition of the families moved from Inverbrackie to Brisbane comprises a range of family configurations of one or two parents and numbers of children. For privacy reasons, information about whether a father and two sons were moved cannot be provided.