

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0656) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Out of all the asylum seekers that have been housed in the Inverbrackie facility, how many have been granted protection visas and how many have been denied protection visas?

Answer:

At 30 June 2011, 112 clients had been granted protection visas while they were accommodated at the Inverbrackie facility.

There are currently six clients who have had their protection applications assessed, both by the Department and independently and have been found not to be refugees. The clients have applied for judicial review of their cases and are waiting for the outcome.

All other clients are either waiting an outcome on their initial assessment for refugee status or, if they received a negative outcome, they are waiting a review through the Independent Merits Review process or through the Protection Obligation Determination process.