

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE12/0297) Program 3.1: Border management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 23) asked:

Provide an update of the status of the 47-year-old Cairns man who was charged with 97 offences against the *Migration Act 1958* in relation to the provision of false information in visa applications and was due to appear in the Cairns Magistrates Court on 24 March 2011. Have any of the 120 people that were involved in this fraud had their visas cancelled? If not, why not? Have any been removed from Australia? Will the department be recommending to the Minister that anyone involved in this fraud be refused a visa under the provisions of s501?

*Answer:*

The department does not comment on investigations conducted by the Australian Federal Police.