

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0335) Program 4.1: Visa compliance and case resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 51-52) asked:

Of the two people subject to a s501 cancellation who are still in the Australian community, where are those people now?

Answer:

There are currently four people subject to s.501 refusal or cancellation who continue to be unlawfully in the community. (In a previous answer to a QON [AE11/0261] the Department stated that there were four such persons residing in the community. At the May Estimates hearing the Department reported that there were two cases. Two of the four had been located. Subsequently the Department identified two other cases where people were refused visa applications and records indicate they remain onshore).

The Department needs to be cautious about providing information that might identify a person or cohort in these circumstances. Once a person's location is known to the Department, all necessary arrangements are made to have that person taken into detention, including, liaison with relevant state or federal authorities where appropriate and placed on a removal pathway.