QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0453) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Of those who have been released into the community on bridging visas:

- how many have received a negative primary RSA?
- how many have had their negative primary RSA confirmed by their IMR/RRT Review?
- how many are single males?
- how many have presented with some form of mental illness or symptoms of a mental illness?

Answer.

As at 22 May 2012, 1988 persons had been released from detention on a Bridging visa. Of the 1988 persons:

- 1193 persons were recorded as having received a negative first stage decision at the time they were granted their Bridging visa.
- 225 persons subsequently had their negative primary RSA confirmed by the IMR/RRT.
- 1867 were single males.
- International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) advised that the requested information is not readily available. To obtain this information would require a significant diversion of resources to undertake a manual analysis of individual client files.