

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0462) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management**

Senator Cash asked:

How many people currently in community detention or released into the community on bridging visas have been charged with a criminal offence? What are those offences?

*Answer:*

Ten clients who have been charged minor criminal offences are currently in community detention. Not all of these resulted in a revocation due to the minor nature of the charge or other extenuating circumstances.

The department is not aware of any bridging visa clients having been charged with a criminal offence.