

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0463) Program: 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

What and how many specialist medical treatments have been provided to people in immigration detention including community detention and to those on bridging visas living in the community, including dental, podiatry, plastic and other specialist surgeries?

*Answer:*

#### **Selected health services for people in immigration detention facilities and community detention - 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012**

Type of Service	No. of services
Medical specialist consultations/treatments, dental, podiatry, plastic and other surgeries	5577*

\* This figure is approximate due to the way services are recorded in systems. It excludes psychiatric consultations which cannot be readily disaggregated from non-specialist mental health consultations.

Clients holding Bridging Visas may receive assistance under the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) or Community Assistance Support (CAS) Program. Both of these programs cover a range of medical services.

Information about the number of medical services provided to people holding Bridging Visas, who have received assistance under ASAS or CAS, is not available in consolidated form.