QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0146) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 80) asked:

Senator CASH: So there are three Sri Lankans and one has had his bridging visa cancelled, two have not but my understanding is that all three are being charged.

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Senator CASH: What are the differing circumstances in the three cases, given that two men have not had their visas cancelled and one man has, and what are the charges they are facing?

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Dr Southern: We will get the details of those charges. The third Sri Lankan was charged with indecent assault in relation to the Macquarie University incident.

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Senator CASH:.. in relation to the other two the charges are for indecent behaviour?

Dr Southern: We will check that for you, because we are not sure.

Answer:

Of the three Sri Lankan nationals, one was charged with aggravated break and enter and aggravated indecent assault. His Bridging E visa was cancelled on 3 May 2013.

Two Sri Lankan nationals who attended a concert in Parramatta were charged with indecent assault and common assault. Their visas have not been cancelled.

The courts have not remanded these people in custody pending resolution of the charges against them.