

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0151) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 85) asked:

Senator Cash: I will go to the answer to AE13/0357 [...] In relation to these particular people, have any of these persons appeared before the court? [...] Where are these particular people now? Are they still in the community or have they been returned to detention? [...] Could you also then take these on notice: in relation to the answer to 0357, were these people taken into police custody, were they granted bail and have any of these asylum seekers been granted a visa?

Answer:

In relation to the four clients in community detention that were reported on 11 February 2013 to have been charged with a criminal offence:

- all four appeared before the court;
- all four are currently in community detention;
- two were taken into police custody but were released on bail; and
- none have been granted a visa.

In relation to the four Irregular Maritime Arrivals released on Bridging visas that were reported on 11 February 2013 to have been charged with a criminal offence, as at 27 May 2013:

- all four persons had been arrested in connection with those charges;
- all four persons had been released from police custody and have been subject to court proceedings;
- one had been taken into immigration detention after his Bridging visa ceased and the remaining three people were in the community on Bridging visas; and
- none had been granted a permanent visa.