

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0177) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

Senator CASH: They all arrived this year. In relation to the arrests, were any of those arrested and charged with aiding and abetting the escape on a visa?

Mr Bowles: That is what we said we could confirm.

Senator CASH: You will confirm that—okay. If so, you will also tell me whether they have had their visas cancelled and if not why not.

Mr Bowles: We will take those on notice.

*Answer:*

As of 28 May 2013, all three clients were charged with aiding and abetting the escape of a detainee from immigration detention. Two of the clients are holders of Student visas. One student had been reported by the Education Provider for unsatisfactory attendance on 9 May. On 24 May, Student Integrity contacted the Education Provider for the other student and were advised that attendance was 60 per cent and that the client had been issued with a Notice of Intent to Report to DIAC 2013.

The third client is the holder of a Bridging Visa A in relation to the lodgement of a Permanent visa application. Any convictions will be considered as part of the decision on that application.