

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0312) PROGRAM – 4.1 Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In respect of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Government and the Government of Afghanistan that was signed on 17 January 2011: How many failed Afghan asylum seekers have been returned to Afghanistan (a) voluntarily (b) involuntarily in 2012-13 to date?

*Answer:*

In the 2012-13 program year as at 26 May 2013, one Afghan failed asylum seeker was voluntarily removed to Afghanistan and two were involuntarily removed to Afghanistan.