

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0314) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Have any failed asylum seekers taken advantage of the reintegration package in 2012-13? To which countries have they returned? What has been the cost of the reintegration package in 2010-11, 2011-12 and in the year to date?

*Answer:*

In the 2012-13 program year, as at 26 May 2013, a total of 240 people received a reintegration package, including one failed asylum seeker. Recipients returned to Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

In the 2012-13 program year as at 26 May 2013, the total cost of reintegration packages was \$777,509.

In the 2011-12 program year, the total cost of reintegration packages was \$156,210.

“In the 2010/11 program year, the total cost of reintegration packages was \$189,645.