

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 31 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0341) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many minors have been granted bridging visas and released into the community? How many families have been released?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2013 a total of 457 irregular maritime arrival (IMA) minors had been granted a bridging visa and released into the community since the first release of IMAs on bridging visas in November 2011. As at 31 May 2013 a total of 751 family groups comprising 1686 IMAs had been granted bridging visas and released into the community.