

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0430) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many people currently in community detention or released into the community on bridging visas have been charged with a criminal offence? What are those offences?

Answer:

As at 31 May 2013, nine clients in Community Detention had been charged with criminal offences. The offences included assault, disorderly behaviour and resisting police, theft, animal cruelty and property damage.

The Department is not necessarily routinely notified about people with valid visas who have been arrested or charged with offences. As at 31 May 2013, the department has received information that 18 bridging visa holders have been charged with a criminal offence or offences. The Department understands this includes offences such as assault, break and enter, indecent assault, drink driving and negligent driving.