

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0549) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How many families are expected to be released per cohort, in what timeframe, and in which States, Territories, towns and cities?

Answer:

Subject to arrival patterns and operational decisions, broadly:

- Some 300 to 600 people in families may be released each fortnight.
- Clients will generally be released in locations where they have links. Those without links will be placed where there are appropriate services. This includes all states and territories, primarily the major metropolitan centres.
- Like any other lawful temporary resident, Bridging Visa holders are free to live wherever they choose in Australia.