

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0564) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 70) asked:

Senator CASH: Are you able to say what states they have been released into and the suburbs and the postcodes, if possible?

Ms Pope: We would have data—I do not have it with me—around the service provider that they were assigned to upon release, and that gives an indication of the state of their first residence. But then, as you know, people are free to move provided they let us know where they move to. So tracking place of residence beyond that first period is quite difficult. We can certainly give you an indication of where they start out and how many go to each state on the basis of where we release them.

Answer:

Community Assistance Support or Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme service providers are required to advise the Department within four weeks of the client's first address. Irregular Maritime Arrivals who hold a Bridging visa are expected to advise the Department in advance of any subsequent change of address in accordance with condition 8506 of their visa.

The following table shows the location by state and territory of people's first/initial destination once they were released from detention on a Bridging visa (as at 24 May 2013). Data on suburbs and postcodes is not included/recorded for reporting purposes.

First Destination	As at 24 May 2013
ACT	14
NSW	653
NT	23
QLD	579
SA	451
TAS	9
VIC	601
WA	113
Totals	2443