

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE11/0261) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Cash (L&CA 116) asked:

How many people subject to a section 501 cancellation remain in the Australian community? What is their status? What actually happens to them?

*Answer:*

There are four individuals whose visas have been cancelled under section 501 residing in the Australian community. Accordingly they are unlawful non citizens (UNC) under the Migration Act.

One is being held in an alternative place of detention under arrangements applied by the Department.

The Department is working closely with the relevant law enforcement agencies to apprehend the other three individuals. When apprehended, these persons, as UNCs, will be taken into immigration detention pending their removal from Australia.