

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE:

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0321) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash asked:

Have any asylum seekers in community detention absconded? How many? Where are they now?

Answer:

Twelve asylum seekers have absconded from community detention (residence determination) since the program expansion was announced on 18 October 2010.

The twelve clients have not been located to date, but their residence determination has been revoked and they are subject to compliance action to locate them.