

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0284) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Afghan/UNHCR/Australia MoU: Have any failed asylum seekers taken advantage of the reintegration package? How many? To which countries have they returned? What has been the cost of the reintegration package in the year to date?

*Answer:*

As at 15 October 2012, 67 Irregular Maritime Arrivals who had been found not to be owed Australia's protection had received a reintegration package after seeking voluntary removal.

These clients have been removed to Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

The cost of the reintegration packages from program year 2012-2013 (1 July 2012 to 15 October 2012) is USD144,412.