

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0432) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Suspension of claims for IMAs arriving post-13 August 2012: Are those IMAs who have had their claims suspended held separately from other IMAs currently in detention, including community detention?

*Answer:*

As at 15 October 2012, irregular maritime arrivals arriving post-13 August 2012 are not subject to a suspension of claims, however they are subject to the 'no advantage' principle.

Irregular maritime arrivals who arrived on or after 13 August 2012 are not routinely accommodated separately in immigration detention from those who arrived before 13 August 2012.