

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0471) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 92) asked:

How many children are in immigration detention as a result of their mother, father or guardian being given an adverse security assessment?

Answer:

As at 30 September 2012, six children in three family groups are accommodated in immigration detention facilities as a result of their mother, father or guardian being issued an adverse security assessment.

Without discussing individual cases, the decision on where children reside will generally remain with their parents or legal guardian. No children are detained under the Migration Act 1958.