

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0536) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Onshore arrangements - Community Detention: How many single adult men have been placed in community detention? Where are they? In what kind of accommodation? Are they supervised? How many are allowed to reside in each dwelling? Has the department been made aware of incidents where lease conditions have been breached where too many people are residing in a single dwelling?

Answer:

As at 15 October 2012, the Minister had exercised his residence determination power in relation to 551 single adult men.

Single adult men have been placed in community detention in all states and territories except the NT because of accommodation cost and availability.

Single adult men, like the majority of clients in community detention, are accommodated in rental properties including houses and apartments.

Adults and families in community detention are not supervised.

The number of clients permitted to reside in each property is determined by the size of the accommodation and the applicable lease conditions.

The department is not aware of lease conditions being breached in relation to the number of clients residing in a property.