

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0543) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Homestay solution: 160. How many asylum seekers are currently in the Homestay Network? How many have been in the network and have exited? If they have exited, why? Have they been visaed or returned to detention?

*Answer:*

As at 15 October 2012, 99 asylum seekers were accommodated in the Community Placement Network (CPN).

As at 15 October 2012, 461 placements had been made. A total of 358 clients had exited upon finding alternative accommodation. Some of these clients have since been visaed but a manual, resource-intensive process would be required to identify how many.

No clients accommodated in the CPN had been returned to detention.