

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0545) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Homestay solution: I refer to an article in the Herald Sun dated September 13th, entitled “Asylum seeker cash-in aborted” which states “hundreds of families who offered to take asylum seekers into their homes have been excluded from participating or have shelved their offer – including those who tried to cash in the program” and quotes Executive Director of the Australian Homestay Network, David Bycroft, as saying “some of the 100 people rejected and the 300 whose offers had stalled had thought they would make money”. How many families who offered to take asylum seekers have had their offers rejected? How many have withdrawn their offers?

*Answer:*

This is a matter for the Community Placement Network (CPN) which is an initiative of the Australian Homestay Network. The CPN is not a contracted service provider of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.