

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0550) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Homestay solution: How many detainees does the Department anticipate will be released into the community on bridging visas in the next 12 months, and how many will access the Homestay programme?

*Answer:*

The number of clients granted bridging visas depends on the number and composition of eligible clients. Referral of Bridging visa E holders to the Community Placement Network (CPN) is a matter for the Community Assistance Support/Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme service providers.

The CPN is not a contracted service provider of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.