

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0557) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Bridging visas: What are the assumptions about how many months it takes people whom you would expect to be able to be in a position to find employment? What are the expectations of that?

*Answer:*

The department does not make assumptions about the time it might take for a bridging visa holder to gain employment.