

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0561) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Bridging visas: Have any asylum seekers on bridging visas been asked to be returned to detention? If so how many? Do BVE holders have a case manager? How often do case managers get in touch with BVE holders? What problems, if any, are being identified?

Answer:

No bridging visa clients have asked to be returned to detention.

Bridging visa holders have case managers while in receipt of assistance through the Community Assistance Support (CAS) Program. Case managers are in contact with bridging visa holders at varying intervals depending on each individual client's circumstances. The most common problems raised by bridging visa holders who are case managed concern mental or physical health.