

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0572) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many people currently in community detention or released into the community on bridging visas have been charged with a criminal offence? What are those offences?

Answer:

Six clients who have been charged with minor criminal offences are currently in community detention. These did not result in a revocation due to the minor nature of the charge or other extenuating circumstances.

The department has not been advised of any bridging visa holders in the community as at 15 October 2012 being charged with a criminal offence.