

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0614) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Has any of the 100 or so individuals involved in the Villawood riots in March/April last year been charged? Has anyone been convicted? Have any of them had their visas refused or cancelled on the basis of the general character provisions. Any other provisions? Why not?

Answer:

As at 1 November 2012:

- a) Sixteen individuals have been charged.
- b) None of the individuals involved in the Villawood riots last year have been convicted.
- c) None of the individuals involved in the Villawood riots last year has had a visa cancelled or refused on the basis of general character provisions or any other provisions.
- d) This matter is the subject of ongoing court proceedings.