

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0647) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Manus: When will the first cohort of asylum seekers be sent to Manus and how many will that be? How many do you expect will be accommodated there by the end of this year?

*Answer:*

As at 15 October 2012 the department had not yet finalised the date for the first transfer of offshore entry persons to Manus, or how many persons would be transferred. It was also not known how many would be accommodated there by the end of this year.