

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0097) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa compliance and status resolution**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Have any people be re-detained without charge or conviction?

What is done to prevent people on bridging visas from being re-detained because of false information being given to authorities?

*Answer:*

Yes.

The Department takes allegations in relation to serious crimes and national security very seriously and is mindful of varying degrees of reliability that can be assigned to such allegations. The admiralty scale is applied to all information that is provided to the Department via the dob-in line.

In cases where Bridging visa E (BVE) holders have been re-detained, the Department's actions have been based on accurate factual information from reliable and trusted sources. Information which results in the need to re-detain a BVE holder is put directly to the detainee by relevant stakeholders such as the state police charging the BVE holder. Detainees are provided with the opportunity to comment on and respond to information that was relied upon for, and which led to, their re-detention.