

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0308) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 57) asked:

In relation to the 101 people who were identified as having different identity information, are any of them still in Australia? Have any of them been issued visas and why? Was the case of identity information being different merely a minor discrepancy? If they have been given a visa, what visa have they been given?

Answer:

The 101 Five Country Conference (FCC) fingerprint matches related to 66 individual clients, not 101 people (some matched with more than one country).

The discrepancies in identity information ranged from inconsistent dates of birth through to inconsistencies in name, nationality and date of birth. Minor discrepancies in name spellings have not been counted as discrepancies. Some discrepancies in identity information will not constitute grounds for refusal of a visa.

Of the 66 individuals with discrepancies as at 30 April 2012:

- 53 are onshore and 13 are offshore

Of the 53 onshore:

- 35 are in the community on temporary visas
- 16 are in detention
- 2 have been granted a protection visa

Of the 13 offshore:

- 7 have been refused a visa
- 5 have been granted a temporary visa to enter Australia
- 1 has been removed from Australia.