

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0458) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum seeker management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 24) asked:

Has the Department located the 17 Vietnamese minors that escaped from immigration detention?

*Answer:*

As at 22 May 2012, six of the 17 Vietnamese clients who claimed to be unaccompanied minors at the time they escaped either from a detention facility or community detention have been located. Of these, four now admit to being adults and two have since turned 18.