

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0302) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

What has happened to the case of a Burmese asylum seeker Htoo Htoo Han who, in July 2011, said he had been a war criminal and had killed 24 people in Burma? Has that person been charged with anything? Has he been released into the community? Will the department be recommending to the Minister that this man be refused a visa under the provisions of s.501 or recommend that his visa be cancelled if he already has one?

Answer:

Section 501 of *the Migration Act 1958* relates to the cancellation or refusal of visas on character grounds. As Mr Han has been an Australian Citizen since 17 February 1998, this section does not apply.