

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0392) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash asked:

During an interview with Neil Mitchell on Friday 11 November 2011, the Minister was asked about the two Iranian asylum seekers who were on a roof in the Melbourne suburb of Thomastown next to a child care centre self-harming. What has happened to these young men? Have they been charged? Why not? Will the Department be recommending to the Minister that these men be refused visas under the provisions of s.501?

Answer:

Following the incident, residence determination for all four clients was revoked as they had breached the conditions attached to those arrangements. They were subsequently transferred to an immigration detention facility.

Issues relating to possible charges are a matter for the relevant police force and Director of Public Prosecutions.

Any information pertaining to the character test as defined at section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* will be considered in accordance with established policy.