

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0433) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash asked:

How many asylum seekers who had been released into the community have had that privilege revoked and been returned into the detention centres? Why?

Answer:

If the Minister considers it is in the public interest to do so, he may revoke a residence determination pursuant to section 197AD of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Since the Community Detention program was expanded in October 2010 and as at 5 March 2012, the Minister has revoked residence determination for 37 clients.

The reasons for revocation include absconding from community detention and a range of behavioural issues.