

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0007) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 15) asked:

How long will it take to resolve the 32,795 people who have arrived to clear the backlog of cases, including people in the community on bridging visas as well as cases in courts etc.?

*Answer:*

The information sought is not readily available and would require an inappropriate diversion of resources to collate. Any information that could be collated would only be an estimate, given the variables in each client's situation.