

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0424) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many persons have been appointed as custodians since July 2012 by (a) age (b) state and territory

Answer:

The department is aware of the appointment of 12 individual custodians since July 2012. Four custodians are resident in Victoria, four in Queensland, two in South Australia, one in the Australian Capital Territory and one in Tasmania. Given there is no legislative requirement in respect of a custodian's age, this data is not collected in a form that can be easily extracted.

The majority of custodianship appointments for minors in the community since July 2012 have been appointments of contracted UHM and community detention service providers.