

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0504) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How many times have police or emergency services attended incidents or alleged incidents at locations provided for asylum seekers on bridging visas under the Community Assistance Support scheme and what was the nature of those incidents?

Answer:

During the period of November 2011 to 31 December 2012, service providers have reported 5 incidents of assault involving asylum seekers on bridging visas where the police attended the situation.

Police and emergency services respond to incidents regarding IMA BVE holders as they would to any person living lawfully in the Australian community.