

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/122) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status resolution**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you provide separate figures for asylum seekers on bridging visas, breaking down the figures based on those with work rights and those without?

*Answer:*

As at 25 February 2014, there were 23 616 illegal maritime arrivals in the community who had been granted a Bridging E visa (BVE).

Of these, 5 535 had been granted Bridging E visas without restrictions on employment (so called ‘work rights’) and 18 081 had been granted Bridging E visas that included a condition that they must not engage in work in Australia.

Of the 5 535 granted Bridging E visas with no restriction on work, 4 263 had visas that were in effect with continuing work rights, and 1 272 had visas that had ceased and therefore no longer had work rights.