QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0686) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

How many families and unaccompanied minors have been moved into community detention? Over what period? Where are they?

Answer.

As at 26 September 2011 the Minister had approved 1981 people for community detention (since October 2010). This comprised of 913 children (305 unaccompanied minors and 608 accompanied children) and 1068 adults.

As at 26 September 2011 there were 1073 clients in community detention. The table below provides a breakdown by state of those clients.

State	Clients
NSW	179
QLD	245
VIC	305
SA	152
ACT	27
WA	150
Tas	15
Total	1073