

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0060) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 100) asked:

Senator CASH: Is it possible to get the information in relation to the escapes from Villawood? In addition to that, from where within Villawood did they escape—from which compound? In terms of the information that you do have, what do you have on escapes?

Mr Cahill: Since 1 July this year—

Senator CASH: 2012.

Mr Cahill: 2012 to 30 April, we had 28 clients escape in 21 separate instances. That was up until 30 April. Then we had 35 people escape in four instances in May.

Senator CASH: So 35 in four instances in May.

Mr Cahill: Yes.

Senator CASH: Mr Bowles, would it be possible—I am assuming that you will make a phone call later on tonight to find out where those people are—to update us tomorrow on where these particular people are?

Mr Bowles: Yes, I will endeavour to find out.

Answer:

According to DIAC systems data from 1 July 2012 to 28 May 2013 there were six escapes from the Villawood Immigration Detention Facilities in five separate incidents. Below is a breakdown of the place of detention for each escapee.

Place of Detention where the escapee was ordinarily accommodated at the time of their escape	Total Escaped (Persons)	Yet to be Located (Persons)	Located and Re-detained (Persons)
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre - Fowler	3	3	0
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre - Hughes	2	2	0
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre -Blaxland	1	1	0
Grand Total	6	6	0