

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0217) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Inverbrackie: I refer to the answer given to EQON BE11/0657 which said that six clients who had their protection applications assessed, both by the Department and independently and have been found not to be refugees, and that the clients had applied for judicial review of their cases and were awaiting the outcome. What is the current status for these six clients? a) Apart from these six, are there any other asylum seekers at the Inverbrackie facility that have been found not to be refugees after the Department and the Independent Merits Review process declined their application? b) If so, how many? c) Have they applied for judicial review? If so, what is the status of these? d) If they have not applied for judicial review, have they been removed from Australia? If not, why not?

Answer:

As at 17 October 2011 the clients referred to in EQON BE11/0657 remain at judicial review and are waiting the outcome. They are no longer located at Inverbrackie.

There are currently no clients at Inverbrackie who have been found not to be refugees after the primary refugee status determination and the Independent Merits Review process.