

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE:

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0324) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to the reports from the Daily Telegraph from October 2011 which reveal that at least 10 people went missing from detention, please provide the age of each of those who went missing and whether each of them arrived with an accompanying family member upon arriving in Australia.

Answer:

The 10 clients that went missing were of the following stated ages when they absconded:

- 5 were 15 years of age;
- 2 were 16 years of age;
- 2 were 17 years of age; and
- 1 client was 22 years of age.

None of the clients who went missing arrived in Australia with an accompanying family member.