

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE11/0327) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management**

Senator Hanson Young (L&CA written) asked:

Community Detention: How many adult male detainees have signed for community detention but are still waiting to go into community?

*Answer:*

Clients cannot apply, or sign up, for community detention. Current processing procedures provide that a client is only asked to provide consent (by the signing of a document, entitled "Privacy and Personal Medical Information Consent") after a number of initial pre-referral checks in relation to a community detention placement are undertaken.

As at 11 November 2011, 97 adult males had signed consent forms and were awaiting the sourcing of suitable accommodation. After an address is sourced, a client's case is referred to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship for consideration of the exercise of his non-compellable, non-delegable residence determination powers under section 197AB of the Migration Act 1958 (the Act).