

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0283) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Afghan/UNHCR/Australia MoU: In respect of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Government and the Government of Afghanistan that was signed on 17 January 2011: How many failed Afghan asylum seekers have been returned to Afghanistan (a) voluntarily (b) non-voluntarily?

Answer:

- a) As at 15 October 2012, 6 Afghan clients who had been found not to be owed Australia's protection have been voluntarily removed to Afghanistan since the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 17 January 2011.
- b) As at 15 October 2012, no Afghan clients who had been found not to be owed Australia's protection have been involuntarily removed to Afghanistan since the MOU was signed on 17 January 2011.