QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0419) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (written) asked:

With respect to answer BE12/0378 which states that "The majority of these are people who may have arrived lawfully with valid passports and visas, but have had their visas cancelled under section 501 of the Migration Act 1958, and are subject to removal consideration." How many of these people with criminal convictions have been removed from Australia?

Answer:

Thirty-nine people whose visas had been cancelled under s501 were removed from Australia between the Budget Estimates hearing of 21 May 2012 and 30 September 2012.