

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### (SE12/0573) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Bridging visas: What and how many specialist medical treatments have been provided to people in immigration detention including community detention and to those on bridging visas living in the community, including dental, podiatry, plastic and other specialist surgeries?

*Answer:*

#### 1. People in Immigration Detention Facilities and in Community Detention

Selected health services for people in Immigration Detention Facilities

1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012

Type of Service	No. of services
Medical specialist consultations/treatments, dental, podiatry, plastic and other specialist surgeries	1449*

\* This figure is approximate due to the way services are recorded in systems. It excludes psychiatric consultations which cannot be readily disaggregated from non-specialist mental health consultations.

#### 2. People on Bridging Visas

People who hold bridging visas and have permission to work in Australia, have access to Medicare.

Information about the number of medical services provided to people holding Bridging Visas is not available in consolidated form.