

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/324) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Please explain what will be required under the Mutual Obligations Community Engagement Activities Pilot.

Answer:

The department is currently scoping the Community Engagement Activities Pilot (CEAP) for illegal maritime arrivals (IMAs) bridging visa E (BVE) holders. The CEAP will involve three activity streams including:

- *Stream 1: Workplace readiness activities* - These activities will enhance IMA BVE holders' work readiness.
- *Stream 2: Community improvement activities* - IMA BVE holders will participate in local government councils' community improvement projects.
- *Stream 3: Community volunteering activities* - IMA BVE holders will engage in activities that will help keep participants engaged in a positive way.

Details of the specific activities within each stream are yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that approximately 300 IMAs on a BVE will be involved in the community engagement activities pilot.