

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(68) Output 2.1: Settlement Services**

Senator Hurley (L&C 85) asked:

Provide further information on the Yeayea Gbedeah case.

*Answer:*

ACL has provided the Department with the following information concerning the Gbedeah sisters:

The sisters are currently residing in a suburb of Newcastle in a flat. They are the only occupants of the flat and have received their Household Goods Assistance from ACL.

The sisters have been attending Adult Migrant English Program classes at Newcastle Tafe.

The sisters have an ACL volunteer assisting them and ACL case workers are continuing to assist them to attend various appointments such as health and Centrelink.

ACL has referred the sisters to Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors for counselling.