

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(90) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

What facilities are available to help humanitarian minors adjust and cope in this new society?

Answer:

In addition to the settlement assistance available on a needs basis to all humanitarian entrants, unaccompanied humanitarian minors (UHMs) are provided with specialised support. The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs has arrangements in place with child welfare agencies in most States for managed, additional support for UHMs.

Services provided may include assessment, monitoring and provision of the clients' physical, psychological, social, educational and familial needs. Management of the minor's needs also includes counselling on self-care and family and community relationships, as well as referrals to other mainstream and specialist services as required.