

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(77) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Ellison asked:

Has work begun with the States and Territories to develop and implement a framework of strategies to address the diverse problems caused by illicit drugs amongst migrants and refugees?

Answer:

The Department funds a range of settlement service providers to assist newly arrived humanitarian entrants and migrants to access mainstream services addressing health problems such as those caused by illicit drugs.

Under the *Accessible Government Services for All* framework, it is the responsibility of Commonwealth and State/Territory government health services to ensure that their services are accessible to all clients.