

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0322) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash (L&CA 100) asked:

Does the department have any contracts to buy any items in bulk for the household formation packages?

Answer:

The Department does not have any contracts to buy items in bulk for household formation packages.

The purchase of these household formation packages is a responsibility of the contracted service providers who must consider value for money, including the purchase of second-hand items, when acquiring goods for the packages.

Red Cross works through a range of companies which supply goods at fair and reasonable prices and also deliver, set up the furniture and other equipment (such as white goods), and remove all packaging. The competitive rates offered by suppliers enable Red Cross to compile household formation packages within the cost bandwidths.