

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0061) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 69) asked:

Is the department aware of a service provider who would use retirement village accommodation to house IMAs?

*Answer:*

IMAs are not housed in retirement village accommodation; however, the department is aware of one instance where a former nursing home converted into emergency accommodation has been used.

For IMA BVE holders all accommodation sourced by the service provider is in accordance with operational guidelines that require the service provider to comply with relevant legislation and standards, including State government requirements relating to tenancies and boarding houses.