

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0062) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 70) asked:

Are those on bridging visas required to provide a residential address to the department as a point of contact, or is a postal address sufficient? What reporting requirements are there for IMAs on bridging visas if there was no change of address for six months?

Answer:

All persons who arrived by boat, and hold a Bridging Visa E (BVE) have specific conditions attached to their visa.

Community Assistance Support (CAS) or Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) service providers are required to advise the department within four weeks of the client's first address. Irregular Maritime Arrival BVE holders are expected to advise the department in advance of any subsequent change of address in accordance with condition 8506.

BVE holders are required to report to the department at a time, or times, and at a place specified by the Minister (condition 8401).

The frequency of this reporting will vary according to the client's individual circumstances.