

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0079) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 85&86) asked:

What assessment is being used to determine which people will be sent to an offshore facility and which people will not? Are they considered department protocols, are they guidelines?

Answer:

The departmental guidelines for assessment of persons prior to transfer pursuant to section 198AD(2) of the *Migration Act 1958* can be found on the department's website at

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visas/humanitarian/pdf/s198ad-2-guidelines.pdf>.