

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0267) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Have any not-for-profit service providers raised with DIAC concerns that they are out of pocket as a result of unaccompanied humanitarian minors being released out of community detention and into the community within weeks of arriving in community detention thus not requiring the extended community detention services?

If so, which not-for-profit service providers raised these concerns? What were the concerns raised? What is being done about these concerns?

Answer:

No.

When clients are granted visas and move out of community detention, the accommodation they vacate is taken up by new community detention clients. Providers continue to be paid for their services during any gap between clients.