

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0745) Program 5.1: AMEP / Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Michaelia Cash (L&CA 131) asked:

In looking at the Ernst and Young report, Ernst and Young could not find any documentation of approval of properties for refugees or any spot inspections. Have any approvals been sighted by the department?

*Answer:*

The Department has records of approvals for properties in the IHSS Northern Metropolitan contract region of NSW, which includes the Hunter region.

The department also conducted Client Contact Visits in the IHSS Northern Metropolitan contract region of NSW. As part of this program of visits, the accommodation services provided to clients was assessed.