

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0759) Program 5.1: AMEP / Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Michaelia Cash (L&CA 119) asked: In relation to the current settlement services contracts in the Hunter region with Navitas, how does that compare with the value of previous contracts?

*Answer:*

The IHSS and HSS programs are not comparable as they have two distinctly different service delivery models and geographic contract regions. Under the IHSS program the Hunter region was incorporated into the Northern Metropolitan contract region of NSW while under the new HSS contract the Hunter region is its own discrete contract region.