

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0408) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 98) asked:

When did the Minister sign off on using the Community Placement Network to accommodate asylum seekers?

Answer.

On 19 December 2011, the Minister agreed to the Department responding to the Australian Homestay Network's (AHN) interest in establishing an accommodation initiative for asylum seekers.

On 27 March 2012, the Minister signed off on a further submission containing the details of the arrangements between the Australian Red Cross and the AHN for the operation of the Community Placement Network.