

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0417) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 106; 111) asked:

What is the nature of the insurance arrangements under the Australian Homestay Network program? What is the level of insurance provided? Are the Australian Homestay Network hosts covered or is it just the client, the asylum seeker, who is covered? What is the personal indemnity cover for each? In the event that the insurance does not cover any incident, who then is able to be sued by either the host or the asylum seeker? Is it the department?

Answer:

Australian Homestay Network's (AHN) insurer QBE, through Citycover, provides insurance cover for a Community Placement Network (CPN) host and a CPN guest throughout their involvement with CPN.

A CPN guest is covered for contents and personal effects and personal liability Australia-wide.

A CPN host is covered for public liability and personal liability Australia-wide.

A copy of the QBE Insurance Policy and Product Disclosure Documents which provide cover to the Community Placement Network are publicly available on the Community Placement Network website:

<http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/ahn-insurance>