

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0120) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 46) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is it correct that the decision about whether an unaccompanied minor has been screened in or out has changed?

Mr Bowles: I would have to check, but—

Ms Larkins: I know of at least one case.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So the answer is yes. What was the purpose of that change?

Ms Larkins: I would have to go and have a look. You asked whether it had ever happened, and I am aware of one case, but I do not have the details.

*Answer:*

A screening outcome for an individual, including an unaccompanied minor, may change for a number of reasons including:

- If additional claims or information has been provided by the person; or
- If vulnerabilities including health consideration or matters relating to the best interests of the child have been identified since the enhanced screening interview, making the person no longer suitable for removal; or
- If any other information relevant to the individual's circumstances becomes available which could warrant reconsideration of the original finding.