

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0121) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 47) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Ms Larkins, how long ago was this?

Ms Larkins: As I said, I do not have the details of the case with me—and I don't know if we are talking about the same case. But I do not know.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Would that unaccompanied minor still be being held in detention?

Ms Larkins: I don't know, Senator—I don't have the details.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Ms Larkins, you know of one case. If you do not know whether this is the only one, who would?

Ms Larkins: We can take that on notice, but I do not have it with me at this point.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Bowles, were you aware of this?

Mr Bowles: I did not know of the specific case, no.

Answer:

All persons including unaccompanied minors who undergo enhanced screening are held in detention until they are removed or released into the Australian community on a visa. Due to privacy reasons, the Department is unable to provide more details about the case referred to above.