

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0397) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Are immigration case workers assigned to unaccompanied minors live with unaccompanied minors where they are placed in community detention? If so, who pays their rental costs? How many case workers are accommodated in this way?

Answer:

Immigration case workers do not reside with unaccompanied minors (UAMs).

The service provider may provide live-in care arrangements for UAMs in the community. The Department pays rent for all properties where UAMs reside.