

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0545) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How is DIAC proceeding with renegotiating MOUs with the States and Territories around guardianship arrangements for unaccompanied minors and unaccompanied humanitarian minors (UHMs?)

Answer:

The Commonwealth, state and territory governments work together to oversee the national delivery of the UHM program.

Negotiations are ongoing with senior officials from state and territory government jurisdictions through relevant Council of Australian Governments fora regarding the provision of services to UHMs.