

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0546) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Will the Department of Immigration forge an agreement with the NSW Government so that unaccompanied minors do not have to move interstate once they receive humanitarian status? What happens if that agreement is not forged?

Answer:

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

The Department's Request for Tender (RFT) for Accommodation, Care, Welfare and Settlement Services for Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors was released on Austender on Thursday, 13 June 2013. The RFT seeks to procure a range of services to certain UHMs in various locations throughout Australia, including Sydney, NSW.