

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0550) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

How does the Department intend to continue the roll-out of families in to the community on bridging visas? Is there a plan with a set number and idea of geographical distribution and what is this plan?

*Answer:*

Clients will generally be released in locations where they have links. Those without links will be placed where there are appropriate services. This includes all states and territories, primarily the major metropolitan centres. Like any other lawful temporary resident, Bridging Visa holders are free to live wherever they choose in Australia.