

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0553) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Can the Department reveal details of any research done on the likely impacts of releasing families into the community on the bridging visa class E? Particularly the predicted day to day living expenses of families and the likelihood of homelessness?

Answer:

No research has been undertaken on the likely impact of releasing families into the community on a bridging visa. All Irregular Maritime Arrival families on a bridging visa are provided with support and services under the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme or the Community Assistance Support program. Where there are vulnerabilities identified, families will be assessed for the Community Assistance Support program by a departmental case manager.