

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27-28 May 2013**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE13/0571) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Senator CASH: Do you have a list of those items that a client is entitled to take with them when they exist community detention? I know you have said they can take their bed sheets and their linen et cetera. Does that include their towels, their tea towels, their doonas?

Ms Pope: I don't think it includes the doona, but it includes sheets and towels primarily—things they have used for personal use that you would not expect the next person to 'inherit'.

Senator CASH: Do you have a cost for the replacement of items?

Ms Pope: I think that is within the household formation package figures. If I can separate that out from the rental cost, which I believe I can—I am not sure I can separate out replacement of items as opposed to purchases of full formation packages. I will take it on notice.

*Answer:*

Clients may take all linen provided in the Household Formation Package, as well as any personal health items (for example, shower stools), with them on departure from the community detention property.

Linen includes:

- Pillow and pillow case per person
- 2 blankets per person
- Quilt/Doona and cover per bed
- 2 sheet sets per bed
- 2 towels per person
- 2 face washers per person

Clients may also take the following items from the baby package:

- Pram/stroller
- Change mat
- Baby bath
- Baby linen

All other items provided by DIAC must remain in the community detention property.

Service Providers replace linen when a client departs a property. New linen is provided to each client when placed into community detention. The total cost of Household Formation Packages for 2012-13 as at 30 April 2013 is \$2,864,755. The financial system does not have the capacity to report on items within the Household Formation Package, or between the initial Household Formation Package and/or a replacement Household Formation Package.