

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

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

#### **(114) Program 5.1: AMEP / Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash (L&CA 114) asked:

In terms of foster care arrangements, what are the foster care arrangements on a state-by-state basis and how much funding is actually given to the states for this purpose?

*Answer:*

Services to unaccompanied humanitarian minors (UHMs) are provided by the relevant state child welfare agency or, where this is not possible, by a not-for-profit care provider. Where a UHM does not have a carer in Australia, state agencies and the not-for-profit provider, in consultation with the department, determine the appropriate care arrangements including the need for foster care. These care arrangements will vary on the basis of age and needs of the UHM.

Funding for UHM services, which includes costs for care arrangements, are given in the answer to question 113.