

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0276) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

New onshore arrangements: When people are released on bridging visas will they be allowed to live anywhere they can find accommodation or will the Department provide accommodation? If so, where? Has any thought been given to locating those on bridging visas in particular locations? If so, where?

Answer:

People released on bridging visas will be able to live anywhere in the community. It is anticipated that many of those with family connections in the community may choose to be accommodated with their families.

The department will not be providing accommodation however, appropriate transition support arrangements will be put in place through the Community Assistance Support Program (CAS) and the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) for those who require it.