

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/ 0333) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What other MOUs exist between the Commonwealth and State agencies in relation to asylum seekers? Health and community services, for example? Can you provide the Committee with copies of those MOUs?

Answer:

Please find attached a list of MOUs between DIAC and various State/Territory Governments as at 17 October 2011.

Type	State or Territory Government	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Health	Northern Territory (NT)	MOU for the provision of certain health services to people in immigration detention. Commenced: 2008 Valid until: 31 December 2011
Health	Queensland (QLD)	MOU for the provision of certain health services to clients in immigration detention. Commenced: August 2008
Health	South Australia (SA)	MOU for the provision of certain health services. Commenced: 2005
Health	Victoria (VIC)	MOU for the provision of certain health services to people in immigration detention. Commenced: May 2008.
Education	Northern Territory (NT)	MOUs are in place to cover education arrangements for minors aged 5-17 years old
Education	Western Australia (WA)	MOU is in place for the for the education of minors at Leonora Alternative Place of Detention at the Leonora District High School
Other	South Australia (SA)	MOU with the SA Department of Human Services (DHS) relating to Child Protection Notifications and Child Welfare Issues pertaining to children in immigration detention in SA.

As these MOUs relate to relations between the Commonwealth and the States, it would not be appropriate to release these MOUs.