

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

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

#### **(SE11/0395) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

New onshore arrangements: How does the Government's new onshore processing policy deal for each family situation i.e. single, married, married with or without children, etc? Is it intended that single males be released into the community under the Government's new policy? If so, will the number of single male IMAs be limited to say not more than 10 per dwelling unit?

*Answer:*

Over time, all persons in held detention or community detention, will be considered for grant of a bridging visa irrespective of their family situation.

People granted bridging visas are not subject to any immigration specific restrictions on their living arrangements, other than notifying DIAC of any change of address. They must also comply with lease requirements like any other lessee.