

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0399) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 123) asked:

In relation to Question on Notice 718, the 5.1 million for short-term accommodation, how many clients are expected to be serviced out of that money?

Answer:

In the 2011-12 program year to date, the department had made contract payments of less than \$100,000, for all services being provided to clients in the Hunter region. Of this figure, approximately 5% had been expended on short-term accommodation assistance for the eight cases that had been settled in the Hunter region in this program year to date. It is anticipated that approximately 36 cases will be referred to the Hunter region in 2011-12.

The figure of \$5.1 million provided in EQON0718 was an estimate of the cost of the overall three year Navitas contract for the Hunter region. It was not specific to short-term accommodation expenditure.