

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0117) PROGRAMME – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Boyce (Written) asked:

Can the Department describe how a net benefit approach would consider the economic and social costs and contributions of an individual and a family unit?

*Answer:*

A Net Benefit Approach would seek to calculate and weigh an applicant's (and their family's) likely fiscal contribution against the estimated health care and community service cost of their particular medical condition.