

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0391) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you provide details of the rights and entitlements that will be given to people issued with a TPV? Please include all conditions of the TPV.

Answer:

The same conditions and services that applied to previous Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) applied to the re-introduced TPVs. This meant TPV holders had:

- Work rights;
- No right of re-entry to Australia;
- No family reunion rights;
- Access to medicare and related benefits;
- Access to Early Health Assessment and Intervention Services (including counselling for torture and trauma);
- Access to Special benefits, rent assistance, family allowance, maternity allowance and family tax benefits;
- Access to education for children of school age; and
- No access to settlement services, except where the relevant Minister grants access as required.

The conditions on TPVs were that the holder:

- will not, after entering Australia, be entitled to be granted a substantive visa, other than a protection visa, while the holder remains in Australia.
- must not engage in criminal conduct.
- must notify Immigration of any change in the holder's residential address within 14 days after the change occurs.