

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0392) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Will casework support be provided to TPV holders? Will they have access to ASAS and CAS? Will they have access to English language training?

Answer:

Holders of a TPV granted before the disallowance of the related Migration Regulations on 2 December 2013, are eligible for Medicare and Special Benefit and its associated entitlements. TPV holders released from immigration detention were provided caseworker support by contracted service providers through the Community Assistance Support Transitional Support (CAS TS) programme and the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) to support their transition to mainstream services. This also includes access to English language training.