

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0394) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Has funding been withdrawn from the Immigration Advice and Application Scheme (IAAAS)? • Will the allocations made under the scheme continue? • Will unaccompanied minors have access to the scheme or alternative publicly funded advice services? • Have arrangements been made to advise asylum seekers of the withdrawal of funding?

Answer:

- 1) No.
- 2) The allocation of IAAAS providers to Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) has been suspended whilst the Government is considering this matter further.
- 3) The Government is currently considering this matter.
- 4) No, in light of there being no withdrawal of funds. IAAAS providers, contracted community services providers and the Department's case managers are aware of the current suspension of IAAAS services to IMAs and relevant stakeholders have been advised accordingly.