

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0396) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What information has been provided by the Department to asylum seekers regarding the reintroduction of TPVs?

Answer:

Asylum seekers were notified of the re-introduction to Temporary Protection visas (TPVs) through normal Departmental communication processes.

Departmental officers used communication guides and printed products to explain the implications of the re-introduction of TPVs.

For asylum seekers in immigration detention, material that was provided in English was explained with the assistance of an interpreter. A translated fact sheet (see attached) was provided to people in detention and to IMAs in the community on bridging visas via contracted service providers.