

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE12/0420) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 108) asked:

Is there a procedural basis for the department, in the event that they are aware that there is a potential situation brewing with a client accommodated through the Community Placement Network, to go in and actively manage that, or is it literally left to the host person?

*Answer:*

If any issues arise between a guest and a Community Placement Network (CPN) host, the CPN host is trained to refer the matter to their CPN host supervisor, who may also contact the guest's Red Cross case worker. The CPN or Red Cross may then refer the issue to the relevant Government agency or authority.

Unless the issue directly relates to the guest's immigration pathway, there is no procedural authority for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to manage day-to-day CPN accommodation issues.