

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0421) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 111) asked:

Have you received an assurance or have you actually sighted the insurance that the Australian Homestay Network has in place to run the Community Placement Network?

Has the AHN's insurer Citycover accepted the new arrangements or is there a new insurer?

Has the risk profile been increased as a result of the new case load? If so, what is that profile? Have premiums increased as a result? Who pays the premium? How much is it?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship holds copies of all insurance documents pertaining to the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) that cover the Community Placement Network (CPN).

AHN's insurer QBE, through Citycover, has agreed to cover the CPN through an inclusion to the AHN's existing insurance policy. The Department has seen written advice from AHN's insurer, QBE, to this effect.

The insurance premium is paid by the AHN. The AHN has advised the Department that AHN's insurance premiums have not increased as a result of the inclusion to provide coverage for the CPN.