

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0479) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 33) asked:

How long do the settlement services usually remain for somebody who has arrived as an offshore applicant either directly through UNHCR or through another humanitarian entry visa?

Answer:

The department provides access to a variety of settlement services to eligible entrants for the first five years after their entry into Australia. Services are delivered through the Humanitarian Settlement Services program for the first 12 months, and then other services are available on a needs basis for subsequent years through the Settlement Grants Program, the Adult Migrant English Program and Complex Case Support.