

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012 19 October 2011

Question: E11-016

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: 410 VISA HOLDERS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Cash asked:

Does DoHA acknowledge that “the usual circumstances of all 410 visa holders” as determined by the 1998 case of the visa holders who considered that they had retired to Australia and had ceased to be residents of the UK, do not apply (as the evidence from DIAC suggests) to significant proportion of 410 visa holders?

Answer:

The Department has no view about this. 410 visa holders who are not enrolled in Medicare are advised that it is a condition of their visa to hold and maintain adequate health insurance.