

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0459) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash asked:

How many clients that have accessed specialized mental health services on a State basis for the financial year 2010/2011 and to date?

*Answer:*

Under the standard contract between the department and Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) providers, which commenced in April 2011, mental health services do not form part of the HSS program. Access to these services is the same for HSS clients as for the wider Australian community.

Responsibility for the delivery of torture and trauma counseling for humanitarian clients was transferred to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA). A request for torture and trauma data would need to be referred to DoHA.