

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0474) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees**

Senator Cash asked:

AMEP: How is the Child care centre reimbursed? Do they submit a bill to DIAC? What is the basis of the payment to the child care centre? Is it based on the number of children who attend or the number of days or hours?

*Answer:*

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) providers arrange the provision of childcare for AMEP clients. Arrangements for payment to the childcare centre is a matter between the AMEP provider and the childcare centre.

The AMEP providers must enter class and childcare attendance on the departments AMEP database. It is only possible to register a child as attending childcare if the parent has attended class.

AMEP providers invoice the department for child care costs each month. The cost is based on the number of hours of child care.