

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0516) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Recently 27 UAMs (mainly Vietnamese kids) were moved from Port Augusta to Darwin - why?

*Answer:*

On 5 February 2012, twenty-seven clients were transferred from the Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing to the Darwin Airport Lodge which is an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD).

The transfer of clients across the immigration detention network is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Clients are transferred to a detention facility that is appropriate to their needs.

Factors such as the client's mental and physical health needs, the availability of health and other support services, family contacts or links with the community, immigration processing matters and any behavioural concerns are considered prior to a transfer being completed.

Minors and their families are accommodated in low security facilities such as an APOD.