

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0502) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Can DIAC confirm that accommodation for asylum seekers on bridging visas under the Community Assistance Scheme is provided in or adjacent to backpacker hostels, aged care facilities and university dormitories across Australia? If so in which location is this accommodation?

Answer:

Accommodation for asylum seekers on bridging visas under the Community Assistance Support (CAS) program may be provided in or adjacent to backpacker hostels, aged care facilities or university dormitories.

However, the accommodation sourced by the service provider is in accordance with operational guidelines that require the provider to comply with relevant legislation and standards, including State government requirements relating to tenancies and boarding houses.

As our service providers are responsible for providing accommodation services, they will monitor the standard of accommodation that asylum seekers are placed in to ensure that it is safe and appropriate