

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0503) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Please provide a full list of the types of premises utilised to provide accommodation provided for asylum seekers on bridging visas under the Community Assistance Support scheme.

Answer:

Our contracted service providers are responsible for providing accommodation services in line with the operational guidelines that requires the service provider to comply with relevant legislation and standards, including State government requirements relating to tenancies and boarding houses. The service provider monitors the standard of accommodation that asylum seekers are placed in to ensure that it is safe and appropriate.

The types of accommodation that can be provided to asylum seekers on bridging visas through the transitional support component of CAS may include for example, boarding houses, hostels, backpacker accommodation, motels and similar or through the Community Placement Network (CPN).