

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/384) PROGRAMME – 4.1: VISA COMPLIANCE AND STATUS RESOLUTION

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What information has been provided to asylum seekers subjected to the code of behaviour protocols? Will information sessions be held?

*Answer:*

Form 1443, *Code of Behaviour for Subclass 050 Bridging (General) visa holders* includes information about the code and has been made available to illegal maritime arrivals. The form is also available on the department's website at [www.immi.gov.au/ima](http://www.immi.gov.au/ima).

The Code of Behaviour, and supporting information, has been translated into 12 community languages. The translated information is available on the department's website.

Those illegal maritime arrivals who have signed the Code while in held detention and community detention have been assisted by departmental case managers and accredited interpreters.

Community Assistance Support (CAS) and Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) service providers commenced delivering information sessions on the code in mid February 2014. At these sessions, asylum seekers have been provided with information on the Code and on Australian law, and have been assisted to understand and sign the Code.