

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0266) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

If a not-for-profit service provider is out of pocket as a result of unaccompanied humanitarian minors being released out of community detention and into the community within weeks of arriving in community detention thus not requiring the extended community detention services, is the not-for-profit service provider able to make a claim for compensation? If so, from whom? If not, why not?

Answer:

All clients in community detention are awaiting resolution of their immigration status and may be at different stages of the process. This means that some clients may move into community detention and be granted a visa shortly after their arrival. Other clients may remain in community detention for longer periods.

When clients are granted visas and move out of community detention, the accommodation they vacate is taken up by new community detention clients. Providers continue to be paid for their services during any gap between clients.