QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/400) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 77-78) asked:

Please provide a copy of the ministerial guidelines relating to decisions around release into the community and Community Detention.

Answer.

In regards to the transfer to community detention of people who are in immigration detention, a copy of the Ministerial Guidelines on Residence Determination signed by Senator Chris Evans on 1 September 2009 is attached. A revised version of the Guidelines is currently being finalised.

There are no Ministerial Guidelines for the Bridging E visa (BVE) program for irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs).

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