

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE12/0413) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

What is the content of the training provided to hosts under the Community Placement Network?

*Answer.*

Prior to applying to become a Community Placement Network (CPN) host, interested members of the public can access information on the CPN and its hosting requirements from the CPN website:

<http://www.homestaynetwork.org/cpn>

At the beginning of the CPN host application/registration process, all applicants are provided with a brief training package. This package provides an overview of the CPN initiative and is designed to give applicants a general understanding of the requirements of CPN hosting. A short comprehension test is used to confirm applicants' understanding of the training material. Applicants must score at least 80 per cent in order for their application to progress further.

CPN hosts who successfully complete the initial training package and comprehension test are required to complete a CPN host interview. During the interview, CPN hosts are provided with essential reading materials and advice on hosting from an experienced CPN host supervisor. Essential reading materials include, but are not limited to, the *CPN Reference Guide for Hosting Asylum Seekers* and the *Homestay Rules*.

The *CPN Reference Guide for Hosting Asylum Seekers* was developed by the CPN in consultation with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The Guide provides CPN hosts with general information on asylum seekers, Bridging visas and the role of the CPN, as well as details on the hosting experience and links to further information. The *Homestay Rules* provide CPN hosts with a set of homestay rules that they can discuss with their guests.

Ongoing training and support is provided to CPN hosts by their CPN host supervisors throughout their involvement with CPN. This training is tailored to the individual host and particular issues that they encounter.

A copy of all training documents has been provided in response to question BE12/0414.