

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE12/0430) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum seeker management**

Senator Cash (L&CA page 116) asked:

Provide the acquisition costs and rental costs of each dwelling or residence by state including the cost of purchasing and installation of household goods (including labour fees), connection fees for utilities and recruitment of additional staff including case managers if possible?

*Answer:*

The department does not acquire properties for accommodating clients entering the community detention program.

The department has contracted providers to source accommodation and purchase and install household goods, including associated labour fees, the connection fees for utilities, and recruitment of staff including case managers. Departmental systems do not capture the level of detail to enable reporting on the separate costs for each of these services.

The cost of household formation packages for 2011-2012 was \$6,629,664, as at 30 April 2012.