

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0069) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 8) asked:

Senator CASH: In relation to protection visas granted—the 14,600 or so—do we have figures for those who have settled and those who are in work?

Dr Southern: I do not believe we do, Senator. We would have the information about how many flowed through into our HSS services but I very much doubt that we have easily accessible data on who is or who is not in work.

Senator CASH: How would we find that out? Is that going, perhaps, to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations?

Dr Southern: It would probably involve a bit of data matching to work that through. Let us take it away on notice and just see what is available from our systems, but I think it is going to be held on case files and individual service providers would have some of that information. I do not think it will be easily accessible.

Answer:

The Department does not track employment outcomes for clients assisted under the Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) program.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has confirmed that it does not have this data.