

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0552) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What economic modelling the Department done on the level of funds left to families should they decide to stay in cities and towns with higher rental prices that are closer to services and supports, and what were the conclusions of that modelling?

Answer:

No economic modelling has been undertaken. Clients can make their own decisions about where they move following the grant of a visa. However, the family will continue to be provided with adequate levels of support under the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme or the Community Assistance Support programs. These programs have been providing support to families for many years.