

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0554) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What kind of monitoring and evaluation will the Department be undertaking of families released on the bridging visa class E? Will they be intending to monitor the number and age of children with parents released on this visa and also the level of homelessness and need amongst this group?

Answer:

Families released on a Bridging E visa are monitored by a departmental case manager and a service provider case worker during their six weeks of transitional support. This monitoring involves intensive case worker support to ensure the smooth transition of the family into the community. Where vulnerabilities are identified in line with the Community Assistance Support policy guidelines, they will be assessed for ongoing assistance under that program.

The Department maintains visibility at all times of the number of clients on Bridging Visa Es living in the community.