

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Nettle asked:

Explain how DIMIA and residence determination organisations liaise and coordinate and what reporting organisations have to DIMIA.

Answer:

The 'Heads of Agreement' arrangement between the Department and the Australian Red Cross specifies that the Australian Red Cross will provide a written report each month to the Department in respect of the progress of each person placed in the community under a residence determination arrangement.

In addition to this formal reporting arrangement the Department works on an ongoing basis with the Red Cross to make sure that when clients are placed in residence determination arrangements in the community, they are properly supported.