

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0045) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 84-85) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you please take on notice, in relation to a young boy who was medevac'd to Perth, whether the minister is still his responsible guardian. Mr Bowles: If that boy is in the care of immigration, the minister is the guardian, as would normally be the case. But, as I said, I will take anything further on notice.

Answer:

Under the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946* (the IGOC Act), the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (the Minister) is the guardian of certain minors. The individual referred to by Senator Hanson-Young has been assessed to fall within the scope of the IGOC Act and, therefore, the Minister is his guardian.