

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0088) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Please provide a copy of the mutual obligations applicable to people on bridging visas.

Answer:

Mutual obligations initially involve illegal maritime arrivals on Bridging E visas who are receiving Community Assistance Support or Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme payments being required to comply with a Code of Behaviour, undertake cultural orientation and English language training where appropriate, and to co-operate with immigration status resolution.

Further imposition of mutual obligations is under consideration by the Government.