

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0302) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Please provide a full list of government departments, not for profit agencies, charity groups etc. that have been approached or have been considered as candidates for housing asylum seekers in community detention and on bridging visas.

Answer:

In the process of expanding the community detention program, the department held community consultation meetings in all capital cities (except Darwin) during late 2010 and early 2011. These consultations were focused on how community sector, NGOs and charities could work with the department and its lead service provider, the Australian Red Cross to ensure the expansion was successful.

In early 2012, additional service providers were engaged to deliver community detention services. These include:

- The Australian Red Cross
- Multicultural Development Association Incorporated
- Access Community Services Limited
- Adult Multicultural Education Services in Victoria
- Anglicare Victoria
- Hotham Mission
- Life Without Barriers
- MacKillop Family Services
- Marist Youth Care
- Mercy and Family Community Services
- Mercy Family Services

- Salvation Army East
- Wesley Mission

ARC also engages service providers to support their delivery of community detention services.

The department has seven service providers who deliver the CAS and ASAS programs. These include:

- The Australian Red Cross
- Multicultural Development Association Incorporated
- Access Community Services Limited
- Adult Multicultural Education Services in Victoria
- Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia Incorporated
- Settlement Services International Incorporated in NSW
- Communicare