

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0256) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Which not for profit service providers provide support for unaccompanied humanitarian minors?

*Answer:*

Life Without Barriers is contracted by the Department to provide care and support, and to act as independent observers, for unaccompanied minors in detention facilities.

The Australian Red Cross has been contracted by the Department to provide care for clients living in community detention. The Red Cross manages the care and welfare of unaccompanied minors in community detention through a range of sub-contracted services supporting live in care.

Currently, organisations providing those services include Anglicare, Jesuit Refugee Services, Marist Youth Care, Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project, Uniting Care, Mackillop Family Services, Catholic Care, Berry St, Wesley Mission and Life Without Barriers.

In addition the Department also has a separate contract with Life Without Barriers for the provision of support to some unaccompanied minors in community detention.

Unaccompanied minors who are granted a visa have their care arrangements managed by the Department. Life Without Barriers is the only not-for-profit service provider the Department has engaged to provide services to unaccompanied humanitarian minors.