

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0258) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

How many minors does each not for profit service provider care for?

*Answer:*

The Australian Red Cross manages the care and welfare of unaccompanied minors in community detention through a range of sub-contracted arrangements for live in care.

Organisations have arrangements directly with the Red Cross for the number of unaccompanied minors they will care for.

As at 30 June 2011 the Minister had approved 263 unaccompanied minors for community detention. Of these 164 were living in community detention, 80 have been granted a Protection visa, and 19 were in the process of transferring into community detention.

As at 30 June 2011, Life Without Barriers was providing care and support services to approximately 170 unaccompanied minors accommodated within immigration detention facilities.