

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0261) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What are the not for profit service providers required to source by way of providing the service to unaccompanied minors? For example houses, vehicles, furniture, computers etc

Answer:

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

The requirements for each sub-contractor will differ depending on the arrangements they have agreed upon with the Red Cross. Some sub-contractors source accommodation and provide live in carers with case work delivered by Red Cross, while other providers are responsible for case work as well.

In general the sub-contracted providers are responsible for:

- sourcing and furnishing houses for unaccompanied minors;
- provision of food and toiletries;
- provision of personal allowance to clients;
- provision of computer (1 computer per four UAMs) and internet access;
- live in care and support for UAMs; and
- facilitating access to education, health and activities.

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

Life Without Barriers is only required to source goods and services relating to care coordination needs. For example, equipment utilised within programs and activities provided by Life Without Barriers (pre-approval from the Department is required).