

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0262) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

In the event that a not for profit service provider has to source a vehicle, for what purposes would the vehicle be used?

*Answer:*

The Department understands that some subcontracted providers do provide a vehicle for carer use. The vehicle may be used to transport clients to interviews with the Department and other agencies, school, activities or other excursions.

Life Without Barriers does not transport unaccompanied minors accommodated within immigration detention facilities, however, staff have access to pool vehicles for work purposes such as travel between the different immigration detention facilities and forging links with cultural groups.

Some Life Without Barriers employees are supplied with salary packaged vehicles as a component of their salary. Employees are expected to use it where appropriate in performing their role as an employee in the organisation. The Department is not involved in the determination of such arrangements.