

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0265) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What happens if the number of clients that the not for profit service provider is told they will be caring for does not eventuate and monies have been expended in the process. Is compensation payable to the not for profit service provider?

Answer:

The Department's contract with the Red Cross provides no guarantee in relation to the number of referrals made within a given period or the duration of any client in the community detention program.

The Australian Red Cross is responsible for the management of subcontractor arrangements.

In relation to the Life Without Barriers contract, in order to provide a degree of flexibility when client numbers rise or fall the Department's contract includes stipulated staffing ratios. As such compensation is not payable to Life Without Barriers if client numbers fall.