

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0476) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What agreements or contracts have been entered into with NGOs to manage those released under residence determinations?

Answer:

The Department has a contract with the Australian Red Cross for the delivery of services to clients in community detention.

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.

The Red Cross has established a number of sub-contracted arrangements for care of clients in community detention.

Currently, organisations providing those services include AMES, Multicultural Development Association, 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.