

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0478) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What obligation is placed on NGOs to have failed asylum seekers available for removal?

Answer:

The Red Cross is required to provide emotional and welfare support and facilitate referral to appropriate specialist support to clients in community detention following notification of a negative decision or a decision to remove a client.

The Red Cross will continue to provide care and support to the client while arrangements are made for their return. The return arrangements are managed by departmental officers.