

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0697) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 114) asked:

Provide a document setting out Red Cross' obligations and responsibilities in relation to the people moved to community detention.

Answer:

The Department's requirements for the care of clients in community detention are contained within the contract with the Red Cross. The key requirements are:

- accommodation is sourced which is suitable to clients' needs;
- accommodation is furnished according to the standard Household Formation Package;
- client is provided with a financial allowance;
- client has access to health services facilitated, including mental health, as required;
- client is supported to enrol children at schools, use public transport and amenities, and linked with community groups and other providers as required;
- a client care plan is prepared for every client outlining their needs and support;
- monthly reports prepared for each client/family group;
- all incidents that occur while in community detention are reported to the Department.

In relation to unaccompanied minors Red Cross is required to, in addition to the points above, provide 24 hour live in support and care.