



**Public Hearing of the  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION  
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009  
Questions on Notice**

7. After the hearing, *Senator Hanson-Young* indicated that she would like to request a list of all NGOs who have access to the Christmas Island IDC.

The following organisations provide services to people in immigration detention in the Christmas Island IDC. Several of them are NGOs who also provide contracted services:

- Australian Red Cross (as a direct source contractor and as an NGO that also regularly visits the centre in an observing capacity);
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees (regular observational visits);
- Australian Human Rights Commission (an independent statutory organisation that also make regular visits);
- The Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (as a direct source contractor) supplies psychological support services from its national network of providers as needed, and;
- Professional migration agents and qualified interpreters assist each asylum seeker to compile statements of claims for refugee status including accompanying seekers to DIAC interviews and other parts of the process. Agents are drawn from the 10 contracted Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme providers listed below:
  - Refugee and Case work Service (Australia) Inc (RACS) (NSW).
  - John Vrachnas (NSW/Vic)
  - Refugee & Immigration Legal Centre Inc (RILC) (Vic)
  - Florin Burhala & Associates P/L (Vic)
  - Craddock Murray Neumann Lawyers (NSW)
  - Libby Hogarth & Associates (SA)
  - Playfair Visa and Migration Services (NSW)
  - Legal Services Commission of SA (SA)
  - Centrecare (incorporating Catholic Migrant Centre) (WA)
  - Legal Aid Western Australia (WA)

The Department's detention service provider (G4S) organises a program of activities for people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, and has utilised the services of the volunteer groups listed below for the delivery of these activities.

- The Coalition for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD);
- independent volunteers that had previously provided volunteer services under the auspices of CARAD; and
- Youth With A Mission.