

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S  
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

**\*Q156\***

**Question:** What does the contract stipulate?

**Answer:** The department contracts an independent observer to be present to provide pastoral or physical support to unaccompanied minors during interviews or discussions with the department or other agencies. Life Without Barriers is the current contracted service provider of these services on Christmas Island and mainland Australia.

The role of the Independent Observer is stipulated under Schedule 2C. A copy of the contract is provided in response to question 157.