

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE11/0477) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to the management of people released under residence determination by NGOs, what are their obligations and responsibilities?

*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 provide 24 hour live in support and care, in addition to the points above.