

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE12/0541) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Onshore arrangements - Community Detention: Please provide a full list of government departments, not for profit agencies, charity groups etc. that have been approached or have been considered as candidates for housing asylum seekers in community detention and on bridging visas.

*Answer:*

The department held a series of community consultations in all state and territories in relation to the community detention program and the bridging visa program. A wide range of not-for-profit, faith-based and other community organisations received information about the programs and the possibility of assisting to deliver services. An expression of interest process was managed by the Australian Red Cross (ARC) in 2010-2011 which led to the ARC contracting a range of organisations to work with them in delivering community detention services.

The department has contracts for the delivery of the community detention program with:

- The Australian Red Cross
- Multicultural Development Association Incorporated
- Access Community Services Limited
- Adult Multicultural Education Services in Victoria
- Anglicare Victoria
- Hotham Mission
- Life Without Barriers
- MacKillop Family Services
- Marist Youth Care
- Mercy and Family Community Services

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- Salvation Army East
- Wesley Mission.

The department has contracts with The Australian Red Cross, Multicultural Development Association Incorporated, Access Community Services Limited, Adult Multicultural Education Services in Victoria, Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia Incorporated, Settlement Services International Incorporated in NSW and Communicare for the delivery of the Community Assistance Scheme and the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme which provide support to bridging visa holders.