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ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Ms Walker

Thank you for your letter dated 6 September 2018 on behalf of the Religious Congregations across Australia to the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, regarding children on Nauru. The Prime Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I understand your concerns for the physical and mental wellbeing of children, refugees and asylum seekers on Manus Island and Nauru. I want to assure you all that the Government will continue to support the Government of Nauru in ensuring refugees and asylum seekers have access to health, welfare and support services.

As this is a regional processing matter, I have referred your correspondence to the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon David Coleman MP, for his response.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Irons'.

**STEVE IRONS**

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