

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/079) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 106) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How many pregnant women are held in detention on Christmas Island?

Mr Cormack: I will have to check that one.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I would also like to know how many pregnant women are held in detention in mainland detention centres as well.

CHAIR: Do privacy constraints stop you from telling us at what stage in the pregnancy these people are? Are they early or—

Mr Cormack: It is not the normal sort of personal detail that we would be going into in this sort of forum.

Mr Bowles: We can talk about the broad numbers. I am relatively comfortable with the broad numbers that we know. If we do not know them, we will take them on notice. But we will not go to individual cases.

Answer:

At 25 February 2014 there were 53 pregnant women detained on Christmas Island and 43 pregnant women in mainland immigration detention facilities.