

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE12/0331) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Boyce asked:

As a result of a Freedom of Information application abridged copies of discussions between DOHA and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship have just been released. In regards to Tuberculosis, how many cases have been detected in migrants, refugees or asylum seekers since September 2007? How were they detected?

*Answer:*

Identification and management of Tuberculosis in the Australian community is the responsibility of the relevant state and territory health authority. DIAC does not keep data on this subject but DoHA is responsible for publishing an annual report of all notifications of TB. This data is not broken down specifically into migrants, refugees or asylum seekers but is reported against overseas born population.

Eighteen individuals have been identified with active TB at Immigration Detention Facilities over the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012.