

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/009) - Conditions of children transferred to Australia - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 29) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Do you know how many of the children of the group of 90, who are currently part of the 267 cohort, are displaying signs of depression, anxiety or have other long-term medical issues that they are here in Australia for?

Dr Brayley: I am aware of specific cases where there is a need for paediatric follow-up, child and adolescent mental health service follow-up, and people continuing to get treatment either through IHMS or referral to the local hospital or clinic. How that might relate to the question we are discussing now in terms of whether these are long-term, severe conditions or other conditions that will respond quickly to specialist treatment, for example—I cannot tell you that breakdown.

Mr Pezzullo: Senator, if we take that on notice, we might be able to give you—in a way that obviously does not identify individuals; and I know that you are always sensitive to that as well—a further and better answer on notice.

Answer:

As at 8 February 2016, there were 25 minors from Nauru who were in Australia with a clinically diagnosed mental health condition including depression and anxiety. Additionally, there were five minors in Australia for other long-term medical issues.