

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/056) - asylum seekers transferred to Australia for medical assistance -
Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 90) asked:

Senator BILYK: If there are more questions on that specific housing situation, I will put them on notice. Are you able to tell me in regard to Nauru how many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for medical assistance since the last estimates?

Mr Pezzullo: I am not sure that Ms Briscoe gave the evidence about since the last estimates. I think she has given the aggregate numbers who are here for medical support and, in the answer to Senator Hanson-Young, the numbers of those who have then been joined to the legal case. But I do not whether you have the flying total or the evolving total since October.

Senator BILYK: If you want to take it on notice, can you give me a breakdown of how many were children, how many of the medical transfers were for instances of self-harm—

Mr Pezzullo: Since the last estimates?

Senator BILYK: yes—

Mr Pezzullo: Okay—thank you.

Senator BILYK: and how many of the medical transfers were for instances of alleged sexual assault?

Mr Pezzullo: We have taken the aggregate number on notice from Senator Hanson-Young. So what we will do is particularise it pre-estimates—I think 23 October, or whatever it was—and post.

Senator BILYK: Great—thank you.

Mr Pezzullo: That will then answer both questions.

Answer:

From 1 October 2015 to 8 February 2016, there have been a total of nine individuals transferred from Nauru to Australia for medical treatment, two of whom were minors.

Of the nine individuals transferred to Australia, three had made allegations of sexual assault while on Nauru and were transferred for health care, including mental health treatment.

There were no transfers to Australia as a result of actual self-harm.