

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/039) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Onshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: On 3 February Minister Morrison said that two people had been transferred from an asylum seeker vessel onto Christmas Island for medical treatment. On 3 February the minister said that that had happened. Where are those people now?

Mr Bowles: I think that one was on Nauru and one has gone home voluntarily, but I will take that on notice.

Answer:

One illegal maritime arrival was disembarked at Christmas Island for medical treatment on 31 January 2014 and a second illegal maritime arrival was disembarked at Christmas Island for medical treatment on 2 February 2014. They were both transferred to the Nauru offshore processing centre after being discharged from hospital. One man has since returned voluntarily to his country of origin.