

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/073) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I want to go to some issues in relation to mental health inside the Manus Island and Nauru detention centres. Mr Bowles, can you confirm how many asylum seekers on both Manus Island and Nauru are suffering from significant depression, stress or anxiety?

Mr Bowles: I will check if anyone has those figures.

Mr Cormack: We do not have those figure to hand but we are happy to try to find some more information for you.

Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When you come back to me with those figures, could you please aggregate how many of those on Nauru are children please?

Mr Bowles: We can do that. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

From 27 February to 27 May 2014, 262 transferees had a consultation with a general practitioner or psychiatrist for a matter related to depression and/or stress or anxiety in the period.

From 27 February to 27 May 2014, 17 transferees under the age of 18 years had a consultation with a general practitioner or psychiatrist for a matter related to depression and/or stress or anxiety.