

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/310) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Is the department aware of the Letter of Concern from Christmas Island doctors regarding the provision and execution of health care services by IHMS?

- a. If so, has the Department responded to/addressed the concerns outlined in the 92 page letter?
- b. If not, why?
- c. Was information sought from IHMS regarding the report?
- d. If so, what information was sought?
- e. Did an investigation take place?
- f. If so, what were the contents of that investigation?
- g. Has the department discussed the contents of the report with IHMS?
- h. If not, why not?
- i. Is the department aware as to whether or not IHMS provided a response to the letter?
- j. If so, did you receive a copy of the response?
- k. Did the Department respond to the concerns?
- l. When is the tender for health service provider up for renewal?
- m. Will there be an open tender process?
- n. If not, why?

Answer:

Yes.

- a. Yes.
- c. Yes.
- d. A report addressing the letter's allegations and recommendations, as well as advice about IHMS's ongoing consultation with the letter's signatories.
- e. Yes.
- f. The letter's allegations and recommendations.
- g. Yes.
- i. Yes.
- j. Yes.
- k. Yes.
- l. 10 December 2014.
- m. Yes.