

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/314) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

It was reported in the Guardian on April 27 2014, that there had been a week-long water shortage at the Nauru detention centre, resulting in “blocked toilets and no showers for the hundreds of children, families and pregnant women detained there”.

- a. Is this statement accurate?
- b. If so, when was water supply compromised?
- c. When was the water supply restored?
- d. What caused the problem?
- e. What steps were taken to rectify the problem?
- f. Why did it take a week to fix the problem?
- g. Were detainees adversely affected or did detainees become ill as a result of the shortage?
- h. How did people wash and bathe during this time?
- i. Were there concerns about personal hygiene?
- j. How were these addressed?
- k. What systems are in place to ensure that this doesn't happen again?
- l. Was there an assessment of risks for asylum seekers during this period?
- m. What were the outcomes?
- n. Were complaints received from detainees?
- i. If so, please provide details of these complaints

Answer:

- a. No.