

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/364) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

Have any asylum seekers or crew been transferred to a medical facility after being treated by Australian personnel? If yes:

- a. Where were these patients transferred to?
- b. What was the nature of their injury or illness?
- c. How long were they at the medical facility for?
- d. Where did they go once they were discharged from the medical facility?

Answer:

Since Operation Sovereign Borders commenced, there have been two cases where people have been transferred to a medical facility after being treated on-water by Australian personnel.

- a. Christmas Island.
- b. Medical information will not be disclosed to preserve privacy.
- c. One illegal maritime arrival was transferred to Christmas Island for medical treatment on 31 January 2014 and a second illegal maritime arrival was transferred to Christmas Island for medical treatment on 2 February 2014. Both people were discharged from Christmas Island Hospital on the same day they arrived.

Both were initially transferred to the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre then transferred to Nauru offshore processing centre. One has subsequently returned voluntarily to their home country.