

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/554) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

1. What is the process for detainees receiving external health services on Manus Island?
2. What has been the ability of the health services to administer X-rays on site at the facility at Manus Island?
3. What has been the ability of the health services to administer X-rays on site at the facility at Lorengau or any other local Hospital?
4. What has been the status of health services at Lorengau or any other local Hospital?
5. Under what circumstances have services been provided at Lorengau or any other local Hospital?
6. Have any services provided at Lorengau Hospital been inoperable since September 7, 2013?
7. How are patients transported to Lorengau Hospital.
8. What critical care stabilisation, specialist assessment and investigations or surgical interventions have been conducted at Lorengau Hospital?
9. Under what international standards is Lorengau Hospital certified?
10. Was there an operating X-ray facility at Lorengau Hospital to provide care following and during the disturbances?

Answer:

1. External health services are accessed based on clinical recommendations from the contracted Health Services Provider.
2. There is currently no capacity to administer x-rays at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre.
3. X-rays may be taken at the Lorengau Hospital or at Port Moresby.
4. Where services are not available at Lorengau Hospital, services can be accessed at Port Moresby or in some cases Australian hospitals.
5. See answer to 4.
6. Not to the department's knowledge.
7. By motor vehicle.
8. Minimal critical care has been undertaken at Lorengau Hospital as it is usually provided at the OPC by the onsite emergency physician, pending medical evacuation if required.
9. This is a matter for the PNG Department of Health.
10. Yes.