

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/042) - Medical Assistance - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 90) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I see. Thank you. How many people have been transferred to Darwin for medical assistance in the last year?

Ms Briscoe: I will take that on notice. I will make the point though that they are not all transferred to Darwin when they are transferred for medical assistance.

Senator KIM CARR: Where do they go? What is actually required for medical treatment?

Ms Briscoe: It would be to a range of hospitals depending on the treatment they are going to be provided with.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you give us a breakdown on that please?

Ms Briscoe: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you . How many children have been transferred over the last year?

Mr Pezzullo: I think it is best if we come back to you on that.

Ms Briscoe: Yes, I will come back to you on that.

Senator KIM CARR: Do you have a cost on the transfer of people from Nauru back to Australia for medical treatment?

Ms Briscoe: We will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the average length of stay in Australia for medical treatment? Are you able to provide that advice?

Ms Briscoe: Yes, I can take that on notice, but that may not be as easy to bring back tomorrow with the other questions we have taken on notice.

Answer:

Seventy-two transferees were transferred from Nauru RPC to Darwin for medical treatment during 25 May 2014 to 25 May 2015. Transferees are transferred to arrange of hospitals depending on treatment.

During 25 May 2014 to 25 May 2015, the top five reasons for medical transfer from Nauru RPC to Australia were: musculoskeletal (21%); pregnancy/child bearing/family planning (16%); psychological/psychiatric (9%); urological (7%); and eye (7%).

Ten minors were transferred for medical treatment from Nauru RPC to Australia during 25 May 2014 to 25 May 2015.

Medical transfer expenditure for Nauru to Australia was \$363,000 for the Financial Year 2014-15 (to 31 May 2015).

Length of stay in Australia is dependent on the type medical treatment required.