

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/071) - Medical Assessments - children - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 51) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Ms Briscoe, perhaps you can help by giving me the number of medical assessments that have been done in relation to the 70 children who are currently subject to transfer to Nauru, including the 17 babies, and tell me how many medical assessments have been done suggesting that they are not to be transferred.

Ms Briscoe: Yes. I will take that on notice. I would like to clarify, though, that of the 70 people in Australia it is not always the case that the children are here for a medical treatment. It could be that one of their parents or siblings is here for medical treatment.

Answer:

All transferee children, including those who are accompanying other family members requiring medical treatment, are assessed regularly by International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) for suitability for return to Nauru.