

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/132) - Offshore Detention - Health Care - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Lines, Sue (L&CA) written:

Who employs the providers of dental care at each facility?

Who employs the providers of mental health care at each facility?

If there is a medical concern about an asylum seeker's mental health, at what point are the Department of Immigration and Border Protection notified?

Answer:

Dental care providers at Regional Processing Centres are employed by International Health and Medical Services (IHMS).

Mental health staff at Regional Processing Centres are employed by IHMS. Torture and Trauma counselling is provided by Overseas Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma, which is contracted by IHMS.

Mental health concerns may be identified through scheduled mental health screening. Such concerns are reported to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on an ad hoc basis, through incident reports, and/or at regular transferee review meetings.