

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE15/134) - Yongah Hill - Mental Health - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Lines, Sue (L&CA) written:

Do individuals have the equivalent of a routine 'check up', including mental health assessment, or are all contacts initiated by the individual?

For longterm detainees, are there any scheduled annual assessments for chronic physical or mental health concerns?

*Answer:*

All detainees receive a health induction assessment upon entry to immigration detention. They are also offered regular mental health screening and can present at or be referred to onsite primary and mental health clinics as required.

All detainees are offered an annual health check if they have not been assessed by an International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) General Practitioner over a 12 month period. A comprehensive psychiatric assessment is undertaken for all persons who remain in detention for 18 months.

Detainees diagnosed with chronic disease are placed on an appropriate care plan by IHMS, which is reviewed at least every 12 months.