

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/135) - Yongah Hill - Health Care - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Lines, Sue (L&CA) written:

Who employs the providers of dental care at the Yongah Hill Detention Centre?

Who employs the providers of mental health care at the Yongah Hill Detention Centre?

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 at the Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) is arranged by the contracted Health Services Provider, International Health and Medical Services (IHMS). IHMS currently arranges dental service provision by Avon Valley Dental Service.

Mental health staff at Yongah Hill IDC are employed by IHMS. Torture and Trauma counselling is provided by member organisations of the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) as contracted to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

Mental health concerns may be identified through scheduled mental health screening. Such concerns are reported to the department on an ad hoc basis, through incident reports, and/or at regular detainee review meetings.