

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE14/378) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- How many medical transfers of asylum seekers have been made from Manus Island to Australia?
- What is the cost per transfer?
- How many medical transfers of asylum seekers have been made from Nauru to Australia?
- What is the cost per transfer?

*Answer:*

From 8 September 2013 to 27 November 2014, 48 transferees were transferred from Manus to Australia for medical reasons.

From 8 September 2013 to 27 November 2014, 137 transferees were transferred from Nauru to Australia for medical reasons.

The above figures do not include accompanying family members.

There are a large number of variables that impact the cost of individual transfer operations such as the number of transferees, their risk profiles, plane availability and potential escort requirements. The department is therefore unable to provide a cost per transfer.