

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/384) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

- Is the standard of healthcare provided at the Manus Island detention centre in line with Australian standards?
- If so, has the standard of healthcare at the Manus Is detention centre been in line with Australian standards since it opened?
- If so, can the department please explain how Mr. Hamid Kehazaei died in custody from a rare, but treatable, bacterial infection?

Answer:

Transferees at the Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC) have access to clinically recommended care that is the best available in the circumstances and broadly comparable with health services available within the Australian community.

From time to time, it is necessary for transferees located at Manus RPC to be transferred to Australia for medical reasons.

The department is awaiting the outcomes of the Queensland Coroner's report before making any further comment on the medical treatment provided in this case.