

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0438) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What were the circumstances surrounding the detention centre [Serco] worker contracting Tuberculosis? When was it detected, how and where? How did the Serco worker contract TB? Was it contracted from a detainee? Where is that person? Were they released into the community, if so when? Was this person placed into quarantine? If so, when?

Answer:

Serco advises that it has been informed by the NSW Department of Health, who are managing the officer's treatment, that the officer did not contract tuberculosis (TB) from an Irregular Maritime Arrival.

The department is unable to provide further comment as it is not involved in managing this matter.