

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/401) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since September 7th, 2013 how many pregnant women are held on non-Australian detention centres and what particular measures are being taken to protect this vulnerable group from malaria, dengue fever and other mosquito-borne diseases?

Answer:

Between 7 September 2013 and 25 February 2014 there were 28 confirmed pregnancies at Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC).

The department has contracted International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) to provide Health and Medical services to transferees including the management of a comprehensive vector control program at the Manus OPC. There are no women or children accommodated at Manus OPC.

Transferees are offered vaccinations against vector borne diseases including typhoid and Japanese encephalitis, some of which are provided pre-transfer and others post-arrival. Boosters are provided as required.