

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/402) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since September 7th, 2013 how many cases of tuberculosis have been reported in detainees and staff in detention centres? Please breakdown by age group, sex, nationality and whether they are staff etc. Please also report the resistance status of the tuberculosis?

Answer:

From 7 September 2013 to 25 February 2014 11 detainees in Australia (including Christmas Island) were diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB). None of the cases have been determined to be drug resistant. Further details cannot be provided due to privacy concerns.

The department is not aware of any other active tuberculosis diagnoses amongst detainees or staff during this period in Australia (including Christmas Island) or at an Offshore Processing Centre.