

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/406) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many cases of Japanese Encephalitis have been reported? What is the risk to those under the age of 18 in detention facilities? Why are those under 18 not vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis?

Answer:

During the period 7 September 2013 to 25 February 2014 no detainees were diagnosed with Japanese Encephalitis.

The risk to detainee minors in onshore detention facilities is considered to be low.

All Illegal Maritime Arrival minors over 12 months of age are vaccinated for Japanese Encephalitis prior to being transferred to Manus.