QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 May 2007

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(175) Output 1.6: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Ludwig asked:

Have there been any serious problems or incidents relating to the physical or mental health of the Burmese or Sri Lankan asylum seekers in the camp (eg. self harm, serious medical conditions or injuries)? If so, how many of these have been dealt with?

Answer:

As at 18 June 2007, individuals have been admitted to the Nauru Hospital on 12 occasions for medical reasons and they have been discharged following treatment.