

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0618) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

In response to QoN 314 from the February 2011 Estimates, some of the health conditions for which people have been transferred to the mainland include “plastics”. Please explain what this is? Is this considered an urgent or non-urgent procedure?

Answer:

Two clients have been transferred to the mainland for specialist plastics treatment.

One of the clients had treatment for severe scar contractures to her hand as a result of a bomb blast injury. The other referral was in relation to scar tissue resulting from a severe burn.

Both treatments were clinically required.