

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0637) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Why did the department agree to take asylum seekers who had not passed the health check off the plane?

*Answer:*

The clients did not travel on this occasion. The Captain is in control of the aircraft and the Department respected his position.