

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0360) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

MV Parsifal: What happened to the asylum seekers on their initial entry to Australia at Christmas Island? Were the asylum seekers held in isolation or placed among detainees in the general population on Christmas Island?

Answer:

The asylum seekers aboard the MV Parsifal were processed in accordance with standard processing arrangements. These arrangements require a short period of medical isolation before being cleared by health professionals to enter the general population.