

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0638) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Di Natale (written) asked:

What is the Department's assessment of the risk of asylum-seekers contracting diseases associated with overcrowded and humid conditions whilst in detention on Nauru? On what basis has the Department made this assessment?

*Answer:*

Nauru is not overcrowded. People transferred to Nauru will receive health care services provided by qualified health care professionals. These services will take into consideration environmental factors.