

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0042) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 84) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you also take on notice whether IHMS has given any advice as to what the health risks are of keeping pregnant women detained in Nauru? Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice, but we have relied on advice to do what we have done to date.

Answer:

As at 19 November 2013, the department had received advice from International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) of the risks associated with pregnant women being accommodated on Nauru and provided strategies to mitigate those risks.