

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0336) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Recent media reports described the situation of an asylum seeker on Christmas Island who has been prevented from accompanying his pregnant wife to the mainland, where she will give birth. Is this accurate? Why has this decision been taken?

*Answer:*

It is inappropriate to discuss individual cases.