

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/098) - Human Rights Inquiry - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

What medical and support services are provided to children who have suffered alleged sexual assaults in the Nauru OPC?

Answer:

The department has contracted appropriately trained and experienced service providers to manage and support the needs of transferees in Regional Processing Centres.

At all times, children and their families are offered clinically indicated health care comparable to Australian community standards, delivered by general practitioners, nurses, psychologists, counsellors and visiting specialists. These services are provided or coordinated by the contracted Health Service Provider, International Health and Medical Services.

In the event of an alleged sexual assault, children and their families receive prioritised support from service providers, including the provision of medical treatment and mental health support. Children and their families may be accommodated in alternative accommodation under enhanced support arrangements as required.