

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/118) - Support Services - Resettlement - Programme 2.2 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Departmental)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- a. What settlement and other support services are provided to refugees who have been resettled on Nauru?
- b. Does the Australian government provide services to pregnant women who have been resettled on Nauru?
- c. What protocols are in place to transfer high risk or high care pregnancies to Australia once the woman has been resettled into the Nauru community?

Answer:

- a. Refugees in Nauru have access to needs-based settlement support and health services designed to promote independence and self-agency. Services may include accommodation, cultural orientation, subsistence allowance, vocational and language training, linking to employment opportunities and primary and mental health care including torture and trauma counselling.
- b. In addition to the services available to all refugees, pregnant refugee women have access to relevant health services including antenatal and obstetric care through the settlement health clinic and the Republic of Nauru Hospital.
- c. In the event any refugee, including a pregnant refugee woman requires specialist health care not available in Nauru, the Government of Nauru may make arrangements for the medical treatment to be provided in a country other than Nauru, consistent with Nauruan Overseas Medical Referral practices, whereby Nauruans who require specialist medical care not available in Nauru are transferred to other countries.