

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/405) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What antenatal care and services are available to women on Nauru and Christmas Island?

Answer:

Nauru OPC

Services are provided by the department's contracted health service provider with support from the Republic of Nauru (RoN) Hospital. A care plan is designed for each pregnancy and includes routine assessments and visits to the RoN Hospital.

Health education sessions are available on a variety of issues including ante-natal care, anti-smoking, maintaining a healthy diet, birthing, family planning and women's support groups.

Christmas Island

Services are provided in line with Australian community standards and The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists guidelines. This includes routine assessments, hospital referrals and referrals to other health services where required.

Pregnant detainees also have access to antenatal classes, and education and advice regarding smoking, exercise and alcohol consumption. Specialised diets (high calcium, high protein) are available for pregnant detainees. Folic acid supplementation is also offered.