

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 05 May 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE16/007) - Asylum seekers transferred to Australia for medical assistance - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator Gallacher, Alex (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator GALLACHER: How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for medical assistance since the last estimates?

Ms Briscoe: I do not have that. I will have to take that on notice. I have the total number, but not since the last estimates.

Senator GALLACHER: So, when you say 'the total number', that is since the inception, is it?

Ms Briscoe: Yes.

Senator GALLACHER: What is that figure?

Ms Briscoe: The total number in Australia now from Nauru: asylum seekers—281.

Senator GALLACHER: Could you take on notice: how many since last estimates? Also: how many of those were children? How many of these medical transfers were for instances of self-harm? Do we have any statistics on that?

Ms Briscoe: No. I will have to take that on notice.

Senator GALLACHER: Do we have any statistics on how many of the medical transfers were for instances of alleged sexual assault?

Ms Briscoe: No. I will take that on notice, as to the detail of the reason for transfer.

Senator GALLACHER: The information on medical transfers—you have not got that; that is all on notice?

Ms Briscoe: Yes, apart from the total that are here at the moment.

Senator GALLACHER: In that total figure, would you be able to disaggregate any of those other questions about self-harm or alleged sexual assault?

Ms Briscoe: I can definitely do that on notice.

*Answer:*

There were three asylum seekers transferred from Nauru to Australia for medical treatment between 8 February 2016 and 5 May 2016. None were transferred for reasons of self-harm or sexual assault. No asylum seeker children were transferred to Australia for medical treatment during this time period.