

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/217) - Manus medical treatment - Transfers to Australia - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many asylum seekers have been transferred to Australia for treatment? What has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in Australia?

How many asylum seekers from the RPC are currently in Australia? Where are they based and when do you expect they will return to Manus? How many have family accompanying them in Australia?

Answer:

Between 27 February 2017 and 23 May 2017, zero asylum seekers were transferred to Australia from Manus Island for medical treatment.

There are currently 37 asylum seekers in Australia who transferred from Manus Island for medical treatment. Of these 37 asylum seekers, as of 23 May 2017:

- 11 were accommodated in immigration detention facilities
- 26 were living under residence determination arrangements.

The Department is unable to advise when these asylum seekers are expected to return to Manus Island, as this is dependent on the individual asylum seeker's medical circumstances.

None of these asylum seekers have accompanying family members.