

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0415) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Boyce asked:

Clinicians in the employ of IHMS, your contracted health services provider, conduct the health checks of arriving asylum seekers and refugees, according to the Department's evidence in the latest Estimates hearings. Could you please provide all details of the clinicians employed who have specialist training in disability, its assessment, diagnosis and support?

*Answer:*

IHMS health services staff comprise general practitioners, psychiatrists, registered nurses, mental health nurses, psychologists and counsellors. All are trained professionals and are registered with appropriate professional bodies or authorities.

Training for these health professions includes the identification of physical or mental health conditions, including those associated with disabilities.

Where required, clients are referred for further specialist assessment, diagnosis and support. This information will inform where the client will be placed while any asylum application is considered.