

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/127) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Case: Latifa and baby Ferouz - Please provide an update on the review and the case generally.

- Who conducted it?
- Was it internal/external to the Department?
- Has it been completed?
- What did it find?
- Will it be made public?

Answer:

- a. Dr Paul Alexander AO.
- b. External.
- c. Yes.
- d. The key findings of the review were that:
 - Mrs Latifa was not denied access to her baby;
 - Mrs Latifa's access to her baby while he was in the Special Care Nursery at the Mater Mother's Hospital was commensurate with community standards;
 - The level of care Mrs Latifa received was appropriate, of a high standard, and no different to the care provided to other mothers at the hospital; and
 - Mrs Latifa herself confirmed that she was well looked after and her access to her baby, while he remained in hospital after her discharge, was not limited.
- e. No, for privacy reasons as the review report contains a large amount of personal information.