

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/128) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What relationship does the Department have with health provider IHMS?

Are you aware of the Letter of Concern from Christmas Island doctors regarding the provision and execution of health care services by IHMS?

If so, has the Department responded to/addressed the concerns outlined in the 92 page letter?

If not, why?

Was information sought from IHMS regarding the report?

If so, what information was sought?

Did an investigation take place?

If so, what were the contents of that investigation?

Have you discussed the contents of the report with IHMS?

If not, why not?

Are you aware as to whether or not IHMS provided a response to the letter?

If so, did you receive a copy of the response? (if so, ask for it to be tabled)

Did the Department respond to the concerns?

When is the tender for health service provider up for renewal?

Will there be an open tender process?

If not, why?

Answer:

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IHMS is the Department's contracted Detention Health Services Provider.

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Yes.

If so, has the Department responded to/addressed the concerns outlined in the 92 page letter?

Yes.

Was information sought from IHMS regarding the report?

Yes.

If so, what information was sought?

A report addressing the letter's allegations and recommendations, as well as advice about IHMS's ongoing consultation with the letter's signatories.

Did an investigation take place?

Yes.

If so, what were the contents of that investigation?

The letter's allegations and recommendations.

Have you discussed the contents of the report with IHMS?

Yes.

Are you aware as to whether or not IHMS provided a response to the letter?

Yes.

If so, did you receive a copy of the response? (if so, ask for it to be tabled)

Yes.

Did the Department respond to the concerns?

Yes.

When is the tender for health service provider up for renewal?

10 December 2014.

Will there be an open tender process?

Yes.