QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle asked:

How will future detainees be taken to Nauru? Will it be by commercial flight, charter flight or sea?

Answer:

The arrangements for the transfer of people to Nauru for offshore processing is determined on a case-by-case basis considering the number of persons to be transferred, security, operational and cost considerations. However, in most cases, people transferred to Nauru would be transported by commercial aircraft.