

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(70) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&C 24-25) asked:

Confirm that there are no pregnant women currently detained in the construction camp who are past the date at which they are able to fly and be removed from the island and confirm a woman whose pregnancy was more advanced than thought has been removed from the island.

Answer:

There are currently no pregnant women accommodated in departmental facilities on Christmas Island post 34 weeks gestation. As a general rule, all pregnant women on Christmas Island, including those in immigration detention, are relocated to the mainland prior to 34 weeks gestation.

The Department can confirm that the client whose pregnancy was found to be more advanced and her family were transferred to Perth on 22 May 2010.