QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(87) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries (L& C 58) asked:

How many people have been transferred in the financial year to date to Darwin hospital with illness? Have any IMAs been transferred to Darwin hospital with serious illnesses?

Answer.

The Department's Health Services Provider has advised that no Irregular Maritime Arrival clients were transferred from Christmas Island to the Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH) for treatment of illnesses, injuries or health conditions, during the 2009-2010 financial year.