

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0616) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Have any people with treated or untreated communicable diseases been transported to the mainland? How?

*Answer:*

No people with untreated communicable diseases have been transported to the mainland.

Fifty-six people with treated communicable diseases have been transported to the mainland via a combination of commercial and charter flights. Should someone with an untreated communicable disease require transport to the mainland because of medical or other emergency, they would be transported by the Royal Flying Doctor Service or air ambulance, with full precautions taken to mitigate any risk of transmission.