

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0617) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What are the disease management protocols on Christmas Island?

Answer:

In cases where a communicable disease is identified or suspected, the Department's contracted Health Services Provider (HSP) liaises with local public health authorities to ensure appropriate measures are in place, such as quarantining and treatment, to prevent other people from being affected, including in the broader Australian community.

Attachment A sets out current disease management protocols followed by the HSP for a number of communicable/transmissible diseases.

