

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0632) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

If asylum seekers with TB are able to be transported to the mainland, what precautions would be taken to protect other passengers on the same plane?

Answer:

No person with active TB and who is still infectious will be transported to the mainland, unless for a medical or other emergency, in which case they would be transported via the Royal Flying Doctor Service or air ambulance.