

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0643) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

It is also reported that based on the advice of health care professionals, the Department believes there is minimal risk to public health. Who provided this advice? What was the advice?

Answer:

The Department made this assessment based on information provided by its contracted health services provider, International Health and Medical Services, that the clients exhibited no signs or symptoms of active TB.