

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0647) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to a “tweet” by Sandi Logan on 15 May 2011 in which he said: “No detainee on CI has or is suspected of having TB. We screen ALL arrivals within 72 hours of landing; x-rays are routine but necessary”. Is Mr Logan’s “tweet” correct?

Answer:

Yes, Mr Logan’s tweet was correct on 15 May in both respects: no detainee had or was suspected of having TB, and DIAC screens all arrivals within 72 hours of landing; x-rays are routine but necessary.