

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0172) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 100) asked:

Senator CASH: Thank you. Do you have the information in relation to the specialist medical treatments?

Mr Douglas: No, I am afraid I do not have with me any numbers of health services provided.

Senator CASH: Are you able to obtain that information?

Mr Douglas: I will endeavour to answer questions that you might put on notice.

Senator CASH: Thank you. We have previously put it on notice, but it just has not been answered.

Mr Douglas: I believe that we have some of that data. There is a process of extracting it from a range of different sources, and we are now just trying to calibrate all that information.

Answer:

1. People in Immigration Detention Facilities: 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013

Type of Service	No. of services
Medical specialist consultations/treatments, dental, podiatry, plastic and other specialist surgeries	2089*

2. People in Community Detention: 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013

Type of Service	No. of services
Medical specialist consultations/treatments, dental, podiatry, plastic and other specialist surgeries	3379*

3. People holding Bridging visas

Information about the number of medical services provided to people holding Bridging visas is not available in consolidated form.

*Based on information provided by IHMS. These figures are approximate due to the way services are recorded in systems. They exclude psychiatric consultations which cannot be readily disaggregated from non-specialist mental health consultations. This information is accurate per the date of data extraction (26 June 2013). Invoices received after this date related to services provided during the reporting period have not been counted.