

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0635) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Di Natale (written) asked:

Are all asylum-seekers transferred to Nauru fully vaccinated against relevant diseases, particularly tropical diseases? If not, why not?

Answer:

IHMS has developed a vaccination schedule for the Nauru RPC in-line with the *Australian Immunisation Handbook* with the addition of two vaccinations specifically recommended (Hepatitis A and Typhoid) for Nauru.

All clients transferred to Nauru are offered the vaccinations. Boosters are provided as required.