

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0639) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Di Natale (written) asked:

Does the Department anticipate that any asylum-seekers will contract any tropical diseases whilst detained in Nauru?

*Answer:*

IHMS advise that the risk of contracting tropical diseases on Nauru is low.

All clients that are transferred to Nauru are offered appropriate vaccinations (refer response to SE12/0635).

To 23 May 2013, there have been no tropical diseases identified among transferees at Nauru.