

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0665) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

What does the government propose to do with women and children in PNG who may be exposed to Malaria? Has the government had legal advice on the risk of exposing people to malaria and as such risk of breaching article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?

Answer:

People transferred to Manus Island will receive health care services provided by qualified health care professionals. These services will take into consideration environmental factors and will include the supply of anti-malarial medications.

Vector control measures will also continue to be in place on Manus Island.

The Department is not aware of such legal advice being sought.