

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0028) PROGRAMME – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Boyce (L&CA 60) asked:

Senator BOYCE: I want to raise one particular issue regarding a particular person called Uzair Karrar, who is an 18-year-old Hazara with nephrotic syndrome, who is currently in Villawood and who has been there for some time, despite the fact that the refugee groups understand that he has a protection visa and is waiting to be placed with his cousin in Sydney. Could anyone explain to me why this has not happened, despite the fact nephrotic syndrome is quite a debilitating condition.

Mr Bowles: Senator, I would have to take that on notice. I do not know of the specific case, and it is not normally something we speak quite publicly about. But I am happy to follow it up for you.

Answer:

As at 19 November 2013, an adult detainee with a medical condition detained at Villawood Immigration Detention Centre had received treatment in hospital and was receiving appropriate ongoing health care, provided by the Department's contracted Health Services Provider, International Health and Medical Services (IHMS).

The Department considers appropriate detention options for detainees with health conditions based on clinical advice from IHMS.