

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0108) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What pre-transfer risk assessment processes currently apply to those asylum seekers being sent to offshore detention centres? Do the Departmental Guidelines for Assessment of Persons Prior to Transfer Pursuant to Section 198D(2) of the Migration Act 1958 (2012) issued by the former Government continue to apply?

Answer:

A pre-transfer assessment (PTA) is completed for all Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMA) prior to being sent to an Offshore Processing Centre. The PTA assesses health, family composition and special needs, as well as helping to identify Australia in international obligation.

The Departmental Guidelines for Assessment of Persons Prior to Transfer issued by the former Government continue to apply.