

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0137) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

What access do detainees have to psychologists and counsellors in Manus and Nauru?

Answer:

As at 17 November 2013, there were 15 mental health practitioners at the Manus Island Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) including a mental health team leader, mental health nurses, counsellors, psychologists, visiting psychiatrist and dedicated torture and trauma counsellors at the Offshore Processing Centre on Manus.

As at 17 November 2013, there were 11 mental health practitioners including a mental health team leader, mental health nurses, counsellors, psychologists, visiting psychiatrist and dedicated torture and trauma counsellors at the Offshore Processing Centre on Nauru.

These services are currently augmented by staff from the Salvation Army, who provide additional welfare services as part of individual case management plans.