

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0144) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Since August 2012, how many UMAs have been transferred to Nauru who: a. Are pregnant? b. have an infectious disease? c. have a serious infectious disease? d. have disabilities (physical or mental)? e. are unaccompanied minors?

Answer:

The Department's contracted Health Services Provider, International Health and Medical Services, advises that from 1 August 2012 to 19 November 2013, the number of Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) transferred to Nauru who had the queried conditions were:

- a. seven (7) women identified to be pregnant before transfer
- b. four (4) with an infectious disease.
- c. see response to b.
- d. four (4) with a mental or physical disability.
- e. The Department has not knowingly transferred unaccompanied minors to the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre.