

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0148) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Is the Department aware of any legal mechanisms for a transferee to dispute an Australian age assessment after transfer to Nauru or PNG?

Answer:

Age determination is an administrative process designed for placement and allocation of services. Should claims be raised that a transferee accommodated at an Offshore Processing Centre is a minor, after having undergone an age assessment in Australia, the process supports review of the original assessment when additional information and/or documentation is presented.