

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0338) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the procedure for pregnant women in detention?

Answer:

Pregnant women in immigration detention are provided care in line with Australian community standards, including access to antenatal classes. Pregnant women are placed in forms of less restrictive detention. Consistent with local community practice, pregnant women on Christmas Island are transferred to the mainland by week 34 of their pregnancy, unless there is a clinical reason to be transferred earlier.