

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0352) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Have any of those transferred to Nauru and Manus Island been returned to Christmas Island or the Mainland of Australia? • How many and why?

*Answer:*

As at 15 November 2013, 996 persons transferred to the Nauru and Manus Offshore Processing Centre have been relocated to Christmas Island and mainland Australia.

Of those 996 transferees:

- a) 980 were part of the cohort of transferees who arrived before the previous Government's announcement of 19 July 2013; and
- b) a further 16 were relocated since 19 July 2013 for medical purposes (including accompanying family).