

STATEMENT ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2. The Minister for Health and Social Services - affect of airport industrial action on transfer of patients to the United Kingdom:

Senator S. Syvret (The Minister for Health and Social Services):

Could I just make a brief statement about a matter I addressed yesterday? I was asked a question in respect of the airport industrial action, whether it may affect health and transfers of patients. And the answer to that is, no, it will not. Emergency transfer flights remain completely unaffected, and even in the event of a routine patient transfer becoming urgent we would then use Aviation Beauport, or some such organisation, to transfer the patients. So we can be assured that patients will not be affected by any industrial action at the airport and there is, I say again, goodwill from the Union on this question.