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Inquiry into serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre

On 12 September 2016 the Senate referred an inquiry to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee into the serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2017.

The committee is now calling for submissions, which should be received by 7 November 2016.

Offshore processing in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea has been the subject of a number of Senate committee inquiries. This committee will have access to all documents submitted to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References inquiry into this matter during the 44th Parliament. This means that submissions already provided to the committee about this issue do not need to be re-submitted. The committee will also have access to all submissions published by other committees inquiring into related issues.

Submitters to a previous inquiry are welcome to make a further submission to this inquiry.

For more information, and to make a submission, visit:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/NauruandManusRPCs

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