

Senate Inquiry – Incidents at Manus OPC on 16-18 February 2014

Request 2 (o)

Number of staff resignations including contracted and sub-contracted staff since the incident of 16-18 February at the Manus Island Detention Centre.

Response 2 (o)

No departmental staff have resigned since the incident of 16-18 February 2014 at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre (OPC).

The department is aware of 38 contractor staff resigning since the incident. These include 31 G4S staff and seven International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) staff.

In relation to G4S staff resignations, there is no suggestion that these resignations were as a result of the incident on 16-18 February 2014. These resignations are understood to be as a result of the cessation of the G4S contract.

IHMS have advised that three of their staff resignations were as a direct result of the incident at the Manus OPC on 16-18 February 2014.

The department has been advised that a casual contractor employed on a casual contract basis by Playfair Visa and Migration Services did not continue her contract on leaving Manus on 20 February 2014. The department understands that there was no formal written resignation or communication to Playfair Visa and Migration Services about ceasing to be a contractor.