

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/002) - Children in Detention - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 7) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How many incidents of sexual assault of minors, either at onshore or offshore immigration centres, have been reported in the last 12 months?

Ms Pope: I am not sure that the answer to that lies entirely with me.

CHAIR: Senator Carr, it is up to you whether you ask these questions in a broader theme; but you will note that at program 3.1 to 3.2, later on today, all the officials will be here that deal with compliance detention status resolution. But, if we can help you now

Mr Pezzullo: I think, Chair, most of the officers are here. Whether we have the data disaggregated by annual or financial year et cetera might require some leeway.

Senator KIM CARR: What can you tell me?

Ms Pope: I would need to take the question that you asked on notice

*Answer:*

For the purpose of departmental reporting, sexual assault allegations involving minors are recorded in the sexual assault incident category.

The sexual assault incident category can include:

- allegations of inappropriate sexualised comments involving or between minors;
- allegations of sexualised behaviour involving or between minors;
- allegations of indecent behaviour involving or between minors;
- allegations of sexual assaults involving or between minors;
- allegations of inappropriate sexualised comments not involving minors but where a minor may have been a witness;
- allegations of sexualised behaviour not involving minors but where a minor may have been a witness;
- allegations of indecent behaviour not involving minors but where a minor may have been a witness; and
- allegations of sexual assaults not involving minors but where a minor may have been a witness.

For the year ending 23 February 2015, departmental systems record 28 alleged incidents across onshore and offshore facilities within the sexual assault incident category outlined above.