

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/070) - Breaches of Protocol - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 113) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What is the recourse if the protocol is broken?

Mr Painting: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Service providers are responsible for taking appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with their internal human resource processes, for breaches of the Child Safeguarding Protocol (the Protocol).

The recourse, as outlined in the Protocol, includes:

- the victim's and alleged perpetrator's safety needs assessed and responded to by the department and relevant service provider.
- the relevant service provider conducting an investigation and applying disciplinary proceedings; and
- the department or service provider reporting the matter to Nauru police or Australian Federal Police and/or other relevant authorities.

All service providers are covered by and required to follow the Protocol.

As the lead service provider for child protection, Save the Children Australia assisted the department in the development of the Protocol.

Breaches of the Protocol are reported in line with the department's incident reporting guidelines.

The Department may request the removal of personnel in breach of the Protocol under the contracts with service providers. The department may also withhold funds or apply an immediate financial abatement to the service provider.