

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/071) - Breaches of Protocol - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)

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

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You were going to take on notice whether anyone had been disciplined for a breach of the protocol. In addition to that I would like to know how many reports of breaches of the protocol there have been. That would obviously be the first step before working out whether somebody was guilty of a breach, I imagine.

Mr Painting: Yes.

Answer:

As the lead service provider for child protection, Save the Children Australia (SCA) assisted the department in the development of the Child Safeguarding Protocol. The Protocol has been developed to address specific needs and vulnerabilities of children and young people at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre (RPC). The Protocol forms part of the RPC guidelines and is in addition to the incident reporting guidelines.

A breach of the protocol results from an incident or allegation involving a child not being reported in line with the Protocol and incident reporting guidelines. As a breach of the Protocol is administrative in nature and reporting in relation to the Protocol is the sole responsibility of SCA, a breach of the Protocol is measured in the monthly performance management process. There have been four reported breaches of the Protocol since inception of the Protocol on 21 November 2013.