

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/150) - Nauru - Programme 3.5 Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management (Administered)

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

Can the Department please provide the number of incidents reported involving children in the Regional Processing Centre on Nauru? What proportion of those incidents involved unaccompanied minors?

Answer:

The department defines an incident as an event which impacts on, or has the potential to impact on, an individual or the good order and operations of a Regional Processing Centre (RPC). The department categorises incidents into three broad categories (minor, major; and critical), depending upon their severity. Incidents involving people can range from simple accidents without harm, to acts of aggression or assault. The department's contracted service providers are required to respond to, and report on, all incidents at an RPC.

The first transfer of minors to the Nauru RPC occurred on 21 August 2013. Between 21 August 2013 and 13 March 2015, there were 339 incidents involving minors at the Nauru RPC. Four of these incident involved unaccompanied minors.

These figures include incidents where minors may have been directly or indirectly involved.