

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/176) - Human Rights Commission Report - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA) written:

CHAIR: My question is: did the officers involved actually have an opportunity to respond to the section that Senator Carr has read out and whatever else was said in the Human Rights Commission report about that incident?

Because it certainly puts a new complexion on that particular incident, which I, listening to the questions earlier on today, and not having read the report, thought sounded a bit bad. But I understand it was done as a cyclone approaches Christmas Island—I will not go there, but certainly it required urgent and immediate action. I am just wondering if the officers were given an opportunity to respond to the Human Rights Commission report?

Mr Douglas: I am not aware of that. I would need to take that on notice. One last short response, if I may?

Answer:

Yes, the officers involved were given the opportunity to respond through the department's coordinated response to the Australian Human Rights Commission report.