

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/022) - Nauru - Data on complaints - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator O'Sullivan, Barry (L&CA 48/49) asked:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Important. Do you have data on how many complaints are made versus the number of prosecutions that result from those complaints—of all assaults, sexual assaults—

Mr Pezzullo: Recalling always that the relevant criminal jurisdiction is the one of Nauru, we will need to take that on notice whether our officers keep parallel statistics that mirror, if you like, statistics kept by the Nauru justice department—I think it is their home affairs department from memory. I think the short answer is yes, we probably would be able to access that information, not that that it is sovereignly held by us but we could probably access, if you like, the number of incident reports which—I think your question goes to being of a sexual nature: a rape, assault—

Senator O'SULLIVAN: I do not want to burden you with all this. I am not one of the ones who drops a one-line sentence on you and causes you three hours of research. Do you have a sense of it? Do you have a sense of whether this is a hive of criminal activity or just a hive of complaints that results in less—

Mr Pezzullo: I do not know that there are a lot of prosecutions on foot but again it will not take three hours to find out, it is probably just a phone call or two, but we might see what more information we can provide to the committee.

Ms Moy: We will do that; we will take that on notice

Answer:

Since 1 July 2015, the Department and its Service Providers have referred 20 matters to the Nauru Police Force.

The number of criminal prosecutions resulting from such referrals is a matter for the Government of Nauru.