

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/054) - Antisocial behaviour - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 88) asked:

Senator BILYK: I still want to know what is deemed to be antisocial. Is using an expletive antisocial? Is being drunk? What is the definition you use for antisocial behaviour?

Ms Moy: There would not be anyone who would be drunk within the centre because we do not have alcohol; however, it would be classified as someone who may be pushing in the food line, when they are going to the mess. It could be, as you say, verbal abuse or verbal contact with someone else that was complained about by the other individual.

Senator BILYK: Can you give me a breakdown? You would have that information, would you not?

Ms Moy: Of the 138?

Senator BILYK: Yes, of what level of antisocial behaviour they exhibited, if they were pushing, if they were using expletives—

Ms Moy: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: Thank you.

Mr Pezzullo: I think a push might be an assault. We will check the thresholds and come back to you.

Senator BILYK: Have there been any medical emergencies since last estimates? If so, what was the nature of these emergencies?

Mr Pezzullo: We might have to take that on notice. There would be folks who, regrettably, have had seizures or have collapsed.

Senator BILYK: I am happy for it to be taken on notice.

Mr Pezzullo: We might just take that on notice, rather than—

Senator BILYK: There is a new medical facility there, isn't there?

Mr Pezzullo: There is certainly an enhanced facility. I cannot remember whether it is brand-new or—

Senator BILYK: Sure. If you are taking that on notice, you might want to take on notice for me also—I presume you cannot answer it now—what has been the nature of injuries and illnesses treated in the facility since the last estimates.

Answer:

In line with the Department's incident reporting framework, antisocial behaviour is defined as "*any person who displays antagonistic, hostile, or unfriendly behaviour towards another*".

The type of behaviours exhibited across the 138 incidents at the Manus Regional Processing Centre (RPC) include: punching walls, swearing, unhygienic contact with food in the mess food dispensary, and transferees attempting to elicit sexual contact with RPC staff.

Between 19 October 2015 and 8 February 2016, International Health and Medical Services Pty Ltd (IHMS) recorded a total of 173 presentations that were at least initially classified as medical emergencies at the Manus IHMS clinic.

IHMS use the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (SNOMED) classification for clinical documentation and reporting. The SNOMED codes refer to the symptoms presented and not the ultimate diagnosis. For example, the classification Chest Pain will include all people who presented with a symptom of chest pain. The chest pain could have been related to anxiety or other causes rather than possible cardiac arrest.

Medical Emergencies (Transferees) 19 October 2015 to 8 February 2016	
Reason for presentation (Note – symptom not ultimate diagnosis)	Number of presentations
Chest pain	52
Asthma/Shortness of breath	14
Acute/severe kidney/flank pain	14
Eye injury/severe pain	13
Hyper-ventilation/Panic Attack	12
Injury post altercation	12
Severe musculoskeletal pain	8
Severe headache/migraine	7
Testicular pain	7
Collapse/Syncope/Unconsciousness	6
Fall	6
Laceration	5
Seizure	4
Self-harm actual	4
Severe weakness	4
Head injury	2
Allergic reaction/anaphylaxis	2
Acute neurology/Numbness in limbs	1
Total	173