

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/015) - Number of people involuntarily removed from Manus - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator McKIM: Thank you. Has anyone in any of the facilities on Manus Island been forcibly deported from Papua New Guinea?

Mr Pezzullo: Involuntarily removed?

Senator McKIM: Yes. Forcibly deported—you can call it what you like but I will call it forcibly deported.

Mr Pezzullo: Sure. We can both choose our terms. I believe, yes, there has been a limited number. Either Mr Colquhoun will have that or perhaps Ms Moy might have that number. But there have been some persons involuntarily removed from PNG.

Mr Colquhoun: Two people were recently removed to Nepal. They were found not to be owed protection. I believe some years ago two additional people—so is a total, I believe, of four.

Mr Pezzullo: But we will check.

Senator McKIM: Thank you. I am happy for you to clarify that or check it on notice.

Answer:

There have been a total of four persons from the Manus Regional Processing Centre who have been involuntarily removed by Papua New Guinea authorities.