

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/057) - Critical incidents in Manus and Nauru - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 102) asked:

Senator McKIM: I want to ask now about incidents in the RPCs on Manus Island and Nauru. Would you be able to provide the number of minor, major and critical incidents over the last six months in both Manus and Nauru?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I do not have them broken down in that actual order. What I can say, though, is that we have recorded assaults, sexual assaults—sorry, assaults that are non-sexual—and that is probably about the degree that I have with me tonight.

Senator McKIM: Could you run me through those, and what period we are discussing here.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Starting with Nauru, and this will be for the period from 8 September 2013 through to 31 December 2016—

Senator McKIM: I am just wondering if you have figures that are broken down into shorter periods of time.

Mr Woodford-Smith: I might take that on notice if I can.

Senator McKIM: I am happy for you to take the total figures on notice, but could you also break them down into those categorisations in the last six months, for both Manus and Nauru?

Mr Woodford-Smith: Sure. I do have the figures since the last estimates. For Nauru, in the RPCs, assault-sexual: two events—

Senator McKIM: This is since September last year?

Mr Woodford-Smith: This is 1 October through to 31 December 2016. For assaults-sexual on a minor, there have been no incidents recorded since last estimates.

Mr Pezzullo: Over the time period.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Over that time.

Mr Pezzullo: Because I don't think estimates was on 30 September, if I recall.

Senator McKIM: That is right. These are from 1 October. So these are all from 1 October to 31 December.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Correct.

Senator McKIM: The last three months of last year?

Mr Woodford-Smith: That is correct.

Mr Pezzullo: The final quarter.

Mr Woodford-Smith: There were two assaults on adults, three assaults on minors, 37 incidents of abusive/aggressive behaviour and no reported incidents of antisocial behaviour.

Senator McKIM: Could you explain the difference between abusive/aggressive behaviour and antisocial behaviour.

Mr Woodford-Smith: In our later figures we are merging those two together. Antisocial behaviour does actually drift into the abusive/aggressive behaviour. It is more of a layman's definition, if you like, between what is abusive and what is antisocial. Antisocial may be throwing a dish or something like that in the mess.

Senator McKIM: Whereas aggressive behaviour will be throwing a dish at somebody in the mess.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Quite possibly.

Senator McKIM: Have you those breakdowns for Manus?

Mr Woodford-Smith: I do. Since last estimates for the period 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2016: assault sexuals, there were nine; assaults, eight; abusive and aggressive behaviour, 125.

Senator McKIM: Should we assume that the categories that you mentioned for Nauru but did not mention for Manus are at zero for Manus?

Mr Woodford-Smith: That is correct, so for antisocial behaviour, zero.

Senator McKIM: Assaults, sexual on a minor, zero on Manus.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Correct. There are no minors on Manus.

Senator McKIM: I understand, but just for the others, as well. Do you have comparative figures for the three months preceding.

Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't.

Senator McKIM: Could I ask you to take them on notice.

Mr Woodford-Smith: Yes.

Answer:

From 27 August 2016 to 27 February 2017, for the following incident categories:

- 1080 Minor, 224 Major and one Critical incidents for Manus.
- 1710 Minor, 336 Major and one Critical incidents for Nauru.

For the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016, on Manus Island there were less than 10 reports of incidents categorised as sexual assault and assault and 95 reports of abusive and aggressive behaviour.