

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/614) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Singh (Written) asked:

How many asylum seekers have been found to be in breach of the code of behaviour?

- a) What kind of action and/or sanctions has been taken against those in breach of the code of behaviour to date?
- b) Can the Department provide a breakdown of which articles of the code have been breached?
- c) Can the Department provide examples of behaviour ruled to be in breach of the code?

Answer:

- a) As at 31 May 2014, one asylum seeker had been found by the department to have breached the code of behaviour following an allegation of violence by a father against his child. A sanction is yet to be imposed in response to the breach, pending further action by relevant authorities and other considerations.
- b) The breach has been found to relate to behaviour inconsistent with the following elements of the code:
 - must not disobey any Australian laws including Australian road laws; must cooperate with all lawful instructions given by police and other government officials;
 - must not take part in, or get involved in any kind of criminal behaviour in Australia, including violence against any person, including family or government officials; deliberately damage property; give false identity documents or lie to a government official;
 - must not harass, intimidate or bully any other person or group of people or engage in any anti-social or disruptive activities that are inconsiderate, disrespectful or threaten the peaceful enjoyment of other members of the community.
- c) The elements of the code noted above provide relevant examples.