

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE15/001) - Royal Commission - Child Abuse - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 18) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Mr Pezzullo, the article I referred to earlier today in the Fairfax media on Thursday, 21 May, states that an immigration spokesman on Wednesday, 20 May, said that the department was:

... 'not aware of any notice to produce relating to child abuse in immigration facilities'. Have I accurately quoted the article?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. So in August 2013 was there a request?

Mr Pezzullo: Correct.

Senator KIM CARR: There was a request?

Mr Pezzullo: As long ago as then, we have provided advice on historical detention.

Senator KIM CARR: Sure. I am not arguing with the nature of those; I am interested to know whether there was a request from the royal commission in August 2013?

Mr Pezzullo: The first notice to produce pertaining to the ongoing work of the commission was in September of 2013—I stand corrected. In this case, I will take on notice because I want to check the legalities, which I am sure will be smoothed out by some lawyer, about providing that information.

*Answer:*

On 30 August 2013, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission) issued the Commonwealth of Australia with a Notice to Produce.