

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/049) - Mr. Burnside letter campaign - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 10) asked:

Ms Scholten: It is verbally but also through an appointment slip. They are given an appointment slip to come and access the mail. The service providers make sure that there is a person there to give the mail to them.

CHAIR: I do not know what an appointment slip is, but you are saying that there is written notification to each detainee that there is mail waiting for them?

Ms Scholten: Yes, that is correct.

Senator KIM CARR: Is there a log kept?

Ms Scholten: I believe there is, but I will take that on notice and check for you.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the detail of the log? Does it contain information about the sender?

Ms Scholten: No. It would have only details of the transferee and what time the mail would be available to collect.

Senator KIM CARR: Does it describe the mail item?

Ms Scholten: No, it does not, as far as I understand. I can take that on notice and check the details for you.

CHAIR: Perhaps if you can provide the committee with a copy of the appointment slip—is that the terminology you used?

Ms Scholten: Yes.

Answer:

An incoming property, mail and parcel register is maintained by Transfield Services for Transferees at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre (RPC). The register contains the following details in relation to incoming mail:

- Day
- Date
- Time
- Name
- Surname
- Boat ID
- From (refers to the location of the transferee not the sender of the mail)
- Item (may include letter or parcel)
- Signature
- Initial

The register does not contain details of the sender.