QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/152) - Assaults involving officer or employee - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

• Answers were provided at Estimates on the number of assaults of sexual and non-sexual nature on and offshore. Please state how many of these assaults were perpetrated by staff in detention centres.

Answer:

Onshore

Based on records held in departmental incident management reporting systems, between 23 February and 26 May 2015 there are no recorded allegations of departmental officers or service provider personnel assaulting immigration detainees.

Offshore

In the same period in offshore processing centres there were four allegations of contracted personnel assaulting transferees, where there was sufficient information to warrant further investigation. Transfield Services conducted and concluded an investigation into one of the incidents and three of the investigations are ongoing.