

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/025) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (L&CA 57) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I have one further question on the issue of the loss of the two hard drives. Have the persons who are the subject of these records—the asylum seekers themselves—been informed that their records have gone missing?

Mr Cormack: I will have to take that on notice. I am unclear about the precise forms of communication that have been undertaken, given that this event did not happen in Australia.

Answer:

The department has provided formal messaging to transferees about the breach. This included the actions being taken by contracted service providers to identify how the breach occurred, the actions being taken to improve information security at the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre and how the matter may be referred to in their refugee status determination. The department has also referred the matter to the review being undertaken by Mr Philip Moss.