

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/456) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

- Can you confirm that around 600 asylum seekers broke out of the Nauru family detention camp on the night of 9 October 2014?
- How many children were involved?
- Was anybody injured? Did they receive medical treatment?
- When were people returned to the centre?
- Why did the Minister not provide an update on this incident? Is this not considered a significant event?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection can confirm that there are no reports of transferees leaving the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) without permission on 9 October 2014. However, on the evening of 9 October 2014, a group of approximately 100 transferees, which included 20 children, engaged in a peaceful protest at OPC 3. The protest ceased at 2240hrs and there were no injuries reported.