

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE15/012) - (ABYAN) - Minister Dutton interview with Fran Kelly - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 50) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Pezzullo, I have some questions that I want to go on with in relation to ABF, but I just wanted to finish up the questions in relation to Abyan. I just wanted to clarify the minister's comments this morning in his interview with Fran Kelly, which you have kindly distributed the transcript for. He goes through a list of the interactions that this young woman had with nurses and/or other medical officers while she was here in Australia. I just want to clarify: is that every single interaction that she had? The minister basically read through a list. I just want to make sure we know what list he is actually referring to. Mr Pezzullo: Without doing a textual analysis of the transcript plus the chronology that I know Mr Skill and other officers have—and no doubt the minister was operating on the basis of advice—I do not know whether he read every serial out. But I listened to the interview; it sounded very comprehensive. Whether it was all the serials, I just do not know. Perhaps Mr Skill can add to that response; otherwise, we can take it on notice and do a more detailed check with the minister and his office.

Mr Skill: I think we will have to do a complete comparison between what the minister notified this morning and what our records indicate. However, he did indicate that there were consultations with a number of mental health nurses over a number of days. He did indicate that there were consultations with the clinic—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Just to be clear, the minister never used the word 'consultation'.

Mr Skill: Sorry, 'interactions', to use the—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: 'Reviews' is what it was. My next question is: what is a review?

Mr Skill: I think it comes down to terminology. The individual was seen, to use another word, by the medical professionals on a number of occasions. I would have to do a complete cross-reference between what the minister said—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: If you could take that on notice, I would appreciate knowing what those interactions are.

*Answer:*

While in Australia and before her return to Nauru on 16 October 2015, Abyan had:

- nine separate IHMS consultations/reviews (four with a general practitioner and five with a primary or mental health nurse); and
- one consultation/review with a general practitioner and nurse at the clinic where the termination procedure was to occur.