

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/034) - Head counts in facilities - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 104) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Ms Moy, are you denying that headcounts have occurred inside the facility?

Ms Moy: No, what I have said is that I am not aware of a headcount happening every five hours, but I will take that on notice and check.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What type of headcount are you aware of?

Ms Moy: I am aware that we scan the card of the individual as they come and go from the centre, to ascertain how many people are inside the centre and how many are outside.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When they are in the centre, have there been previous headcounts when people are in their tents?

Ms Moy: I will take that on notice.

Mr Pezzullo: It might be that there is a distinction that the government of Nauru now requires in terms of the open centre arrangement that has been in place for a couple of weeks now and the circumstances applying earlier, so we just have to research that and take it on notice.

Answer:

Prior to the introduction of the full open centre arrangements on 5 October 2015, head counts were undertaken through the lunch and dinner meal register. Where a transferee did not attend the mess for lunch or dinner, a check would be undertaken to locate the transferee.