

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/084) - Comcare compensation claims - Internal Product (DIBP)

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

How many people made compensation claims because of injuries sustained, either physical or psychological, during their work in immigration detention centres in the previous financial year? How many people made compensation claims because of their work in immigration detention centres in this financial year?

How many of those claims, in both this and the previous financial year, were psychological in nature? How many have been approved?

How many relate to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)? How many have been approved? How many compensation claims have been received, since the centres' reopening in 2013, for people who have worked on Nauru or Manus Island?

How many compensation claims have been approved, since the centres' reopening in 2013, for people who have worked on Nauru or Manus Island?

How many are still being decided?

What is the total amount paid out to immigration centre workers in precent financial years?

Are there recurring themes concerning the types of things that people have complained about being forced to do or see that have resulted in these claims?

Answer:

One claim for compensation (in the amount of \$127,028.34) has been received and accepted to date in relation to immigration detention centres (IDCs) for financial year 2014-15. That claim was for a combined "Work Pressure" Mechanism of Injury and "Anxiety/Depression" Nature of Injury. Total claims in relation to IDCs over the past two financial years was \$322,896.93. No claims have been lodged in relation to this financial year in respect of IDCs, and never in respect of Manus or Nauru.