QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/169) - Nauru Files - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 39) asked:

CHAIR: I always acknowledge the huge workload your department has, Mr Pezzullo, and I think you have better things to do than searching around in records to answer questions from this committee. But is it a big job to try and give me a number of the occurrences of the incident and when they happened? For my purposes, you could perhaps say the incidents that happened up to 1 January 2014 and also the reporting date. Perhaps it might be easier, in your records, to let me know when these were actually reported, not when they occurred. The second set is not when they occurred but when they were reported. I think you would probably find that easier. Mr Pezzullo: If I may, Chair, half of that request, in fact, is already in hand because we are doing a further drill-down of the data to support our submission to this committee's inquiry into incidents on Nauru. What we will now take on notice—and the assistant commissioner at the table can assist me—is further breaking down the date of reporting, which, as the assistant commissioner said, commences in May 2013, and then, where it is not contemporaneous with the incident report, the date, if you will, of the historical incident, which, in some cases, might be a year or two years old. We will take that on notice through these committees' proceedings, but it might be that the answer in its definitive, conclusive detail will be covered in a written submission to the inquiry.

Answer:

The summary of incidents by classification for the period May 2013 to October 2015 is as follows:

Incident type	Number of incidents
Abusive or aggressive	183
behaviour	
Accident or injury	94
Actual self-harm	69
Assault	59
Assault on a minor	58
Complaint	189
Concern for a minor	170
Contraband	16
Demonstration	6
Disturbance	16
Family violence	42
Fighting	102
Information	176

Lost items	11
Medical incident	30
Minor	1
Misbehaviour	186
Non-compliance	76
Obscene behaviour	15
Property damage	30
Safety hazard	6
Sexual assault	22
Sexual assault on an adult	1
Theft	31
Threatened self-harm	336
Unclassified	178
Voluntary starvation	20
Grand Total	2123

Based on analysis of the 23 Critical and 281 Major incidents, as per the risk ratings reported by The Guardian, two incidents were found to have a significant period of time between the incident occurring and it's reporting by the complainant. The first incident when reported was alleged to have occurred approximately two years earlier The second incident when reported was alleged to have occurred approximately six months earlier.