

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/042) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Carr (L&CA 56-57) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. While you might not be familiar with the precise language I have used, are you familiar or do you recall an incident report that describes these events surrounding the death of an asylum seeker identified as Reza Berati? Mr Bowles: In relation to the external people, there have been a number of different reports that it did and did not happen.

Senator KIM CARR: I am not asking you about the external reports; I am asking you about an incident report that came to you.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Lodged by—

Senator KIM CARR: This is an incident report by your officers, not journalists.

Mr Bowles: You are referring to something that is coming out of a media article. I am happy to take it on notice and I am happy to put it into the independent review. But I will take the specifics of that particular claim in a media article on notice and will confirm whether that relates to our incident report.

Senator KIM CARR: We will come back here after a break. You surely can identify whether or not there was an incident report that is described in this article?

Mr Bowles: We received a number of incident reports. I will see what we can do. But, either way, I will take it on notice if I cannot get it

*Answer:*

At approximately 4:30am AEDST on 18 February 2014, a departmental Sitrep was distributed which mentioned the death of a transferee as a result of the disturbance on 17-18 February 2014.

An incident report at 6:00am AEDST on 18 February 2014 was provided by G4S to the department also providing the personal details of the deceased.