

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(AE14/189) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Is there Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) personnel stationed on Manus Island?

If so, what information did they initially relay to the Ministers office when the violence first broke out?

*Answer:*

Yes. The on-duty departmental officer at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre reported to the National Office Detention Operations duty officer by phone as information came to hand.

Upon receipt of this information, a situation report (Sitrep) was disseminated. The distribution list for these Sitreps included relevant stakeholders, including the Minister and appropriate staff in the Minister's office.

The initial Sitrep on 16 February 2014 advised of a critical disturbance at the Manus OPC.