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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator BACK asked:

Senator BACK: Can you tell me whether a person who does have an MSIC can take with them a person who does not onto an area secured under the program? In other words, as I am an MSIC holder, can I take a parliamentary colleague onto the wharf with me?

Mr Dreezer: Yes, you can. A visitor can be escorted by an MSIC holder into a maritime security zone.

Senator BACK: Can you tell me, particularly with Fremantle—as you know I have great concern with those who illegally get access to the port in Fremantle to try and stop operations, particularly live cattle and sheep loading—can you take on notice and tell me the number of instances you are aware of since the last estimates where this has happened, but I understand you work through the Western Australian police on that particular case. Is that right?

Mr Dreezer: Yes. We can take that on notice.

Answer:

In the period between Supplementary Estimates in 2012 and Additional Estimates in 2013 (15 October 2012 - 12 February 2013), the Department received three reports regarding Issues Motivated Group incidents at the Fremantle port, all involving live export vessels.