Senate Inquiry – Incidents at Manus OPC on 16-18 February 2014

Request 2 (s)

A breakdown of injuries sustained by staff and asylum seekers at the time of the incident 16-18 February, including:

- The severity of the injury;
- Injury classification; and
- Treatment received

Response 2 (s)

At the time of the incident on 16-18 February 2014, 69 people (51 transferees and 18 staff) received medical treatment for injuries sustained.

Severity of injuries ranged from minor injuries which did not require treatment to those which required medivacking to facilities in Port Moresby and Brisbane.

In line with normal medical treatment triage procedures, medical staff prioritised individuals according to their medical condition and not by classification of injury.

Reported injuries sustained included:

- Lacerations and abrasions;
- Fractures;
- Soft tissue injuries;
- Contusions;
- Sprains;
- Dental trauma;
- Ligament injuries;
- Gunshot wounds;
- Head injuries;
- An eye enucleation; and
- Haematomas.

Treatment provided was appropriate to the nature and extent of each injury.

It is important to note that there may have been individuals who sought medical treatment as a result of the incidents after the events but did not disclose that the injury/illness was sustained during the 16-18 February 2014 period.