

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/022) - Sexual Assault of a Minor in Detention - Programme 1.1 Border Management (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 47) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How many cases are being looked at that involve the sexual assault of a minor?

Mr Douglas: I do not have that number to hand—I would have to take that on notice—but we are working our way through all of those cases identified to us by the Human Rights Commission.

Answer:

As part of the Australia Human Rights Commission's Children in Detention Inquiry the department was asked to provide incident detail reports that identified any allegation of sexual assault involving a minor, or any allegation of sexual assault which occurred in an onshore detention facility in which minors were accommodated, between 1 January 2013 and 10 July 2014.

For the purpose of departmental reporting, the sexual assault incident category includes, but is not limited to, allegations of sexualised behavior, indecent assault, inappropriate sexualised comments or sexual assaults.

The department identified 44 alleged incidents that were within the sexual assault incident category, which were provided to the Australia Human Rights Commission.