

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/034) - Forgotten Children Report - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 67) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Since the release of The forgotten children report on 11 February, how many children have been transferred to Nauru from the Australian mainland?

Mr Pezzullo: Since 11 February. The statistics that I read into Hansard earlier go up to the 20th, so that is a nine-day period. There would have been potentially a handful of those returned to Nauru. We have not transferred, for a long time, anyone to Nauru initially, because no boats have arrived. But in terms of the agreement we have with Nauru that I described earlier of the repatriation for medical treatment and then return, in that nine-day window I just do not know, whereas Ms Pope might.

Ms Pope: I would have to take it on notice, but the secretary is exactly right. There are not any fresh transfers of children.

*Answer:*

In the period 11 February 2015 to 12 March 2015, three (3) children have been returned to Nauru from Australia.