

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/151) - Nauru - Programme 3.5 Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management (Administered)**

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

Can the Department please provide the number of incidents reported involving women in the Regional Processing Centre on Nauru? What proportion of those incidents involved pregnant women?

*Answer:*

The department defines an incident as an event which impacts on, or has the potential to impact on, an individual or the good order and operations of a Regional Processing Centre (RPC). The department categorises incidents into three broad categories (minor, major; and critical), depending upon their severity. Incidents involving people can range from simple accidents without harm, to acts of aggression or assault. The department's contracted service providers are required to respond to, and report on, all incidents at an RPC.

The first transfer of female asylum seekers to the Nauru RPC occurred on 21 August 2013.

Between 21 August 2013 and 12 March 2015, there were 1089 incidents involving female asylum seekers. Of this figure, 15 incidents involved female asylum seekers who were identified as pregnant at the time of the incident. This data includes female asylum seekers who may have been directly or indirectly involved in an incident.