

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/160) - Moss Review - Programme 3.5 Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management (Administered)

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

What was the review process for the Moss Inquiry?

How many submissions were received?

When did the Department receive the interim report?

How many people were interviewed? What proportion of the staff and refugees/asylum seekers were interviewed?

How many visits to Nauru did Mr Moss make?

Who accompanied Mr Moss on these visits?

What were their roles?

How many people are on the review panel?

Who are they and what are their roles?

Answer:

The Review covered the period between July 2013 and October 2014 and identified two main aspects for investigation. The first was claims of sexual and other physical assault of transferees, and the second, conduct and behaviour of staff members employed by contract service providers.

The Review invited submissions and requested documentation and information from a number of persons and organisations. A range of people were interviewed including departmental and service provider staff members and transferees currently living in the Centre. The Review met with the relevant Nauruan Minister and government officials and with the Australian Federal Police.

At Mr Moss' request, Department of Immigration and Border Protection staff on Nauru assisted with the distribution of feedback forms. These forms gave transferees the opportunity to provide Mr Moss with written information in their own language to the Review.

Previous reviews and recommendations made relating to regional processing were also considered.

Mr Moss invited submissions from six organisations and individuals. The Review also received a number of other submissions.

Mr Moss provided a progress report to the Secretary on 28 November 2014.

Approximately 230 people were interviewed in 114 interviews. Approximately two thirds of the interviewees were transferees.

Mr Moss visited Nauru on two occasions. On his first visit, Mr Moss was accompanied by two officers from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. On his second visit, Mr Moss was accompanied by a child protection practitioner from the Australian Capital Territory Community Services Directorate and two officers from the department.

The child protection practitioner assisted with interviews with minors and the parents of minors. The two departmental staff provided Mr Moss with logistical and administrative support.

The Review was not conducted by a panel. Mr Moss was supported by seven officers from the department who provided administrative support.