

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/193) - Mr Moss investigation - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 19) asked:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: So you would agree with the statement that there is no evidence whatsoever, anywhere in your scope of knowledge, that would support the allegation that a five-year-old child was raped either in the time frame of the allegation or at any other time in detention while they have been in the care of—

Mr Pezzullo: That is correct, because we have checked with the person who is concerned, and she is concerned from the point of view of being in a position of having good faith concerns when she identified the identity of the child in question. Again, I just want to be cautious and imprecise. It did not stack up with what was reported in the media at all.

CHAIR: And it was investigated by Mr Moss a couple of years ago.

Mr Pezzullo: And subsequently—and I will check this in detail—it was even investigated through police investigation.

Answer:

Mr Philip Moss was apprised of this allegation in 2014 while undertaking his *Review into allegations relating to conditions and circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru*.

Transfield Services (now Broadspectrum) advised Mr Moss that the matter had been referred to the Nauru Police Force for investigation.