

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 05 May 2016**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE16/010) - Self-harm - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 112) asked:

CHAIR: Mr Pezzullo, thanks for that. I indicated that I was not going to ask you for details or to name names but can you take this question on notice: is it possible to release some of those emails, posters, flyers, letters or whatever—I do not know how you would come by letters; perhaps they were left in a wastepaper basket or something—because this is an issue? I and my colleagues have been around enough of these inquiries with a consistent group of advocates coming along—and I am not suggesting that any particular one of them would be involved. Over time you pick up the sense of this, which in my description is giving people false hope. If there were some way that the department could release some of this information more specifically, it may help more than the minister or you simply saying it to stamp out a practice that I think is intolerable, regrettable and horrendous because it does cause people to harm themselves in the hope that it will provide a better future, perhaps not for them but for their relatives, their family or children.

Mr Pezzullo: I think the easiest way to respond is to take on notice providing the committee with a representative sample. I think people post using social media, so we do not need to get into confidential correspondence or reviews we have conducted of some of the clinical assessments, for instance. We do not need to go to those issues that potentially trigger confidentiality or privacy concerns or, indeed, that betray our sources and methods of understand who is—for instance—agitating in particular ways in matters that are potentially contrary to the laws of Nauru. But leaving that aside, on social media: we could give you a fair and representative sample, and others could judge whether we have been selective in our editing of what I would describe as the narrative or the suggestion of—

CHAIR: I think that would be very helpful.

Mr Pezzullo: We could do that quite easily.

CHAIR: That would be very helpful, not just for me or other committee members, but for the Australian public. It is a reprehensible course of conduct that encourages people—I believe it encourages people—to self-harm, which does not help them and does not help their cause. I think it is a reprehensible approach by whoever is doing it. If you could do take that on notice, that would be helpful.

Mr Pezzullo: We will take the question on notice and we will provide, in good faith and as even-handedly as we can, what I would describe as a representative sample of material that might be thought to be captured by your question.

Answer:



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**Hossein Azadi** 8 hrs ·

OMID IS ALIVE PLEASE STOP SPREADING RUMORS.  
Got this message from a nurse in Brisbane;  
Alive in ICU at RBH  
Omid is in Royal Brisbane Hospital

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**Marilyn Shepherd** Thank goodness, but his life will be a living hell with such terrible burns · 8 hrs

**Jane Healy** Im relieved. Thank god he is here. · 3 hrs

**Morgan Mysterio** We just have no news · 1 hr

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I welcome asylum seekers and I vote.

Bring them back  
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Lynne Murphy 5 hrs ·

Manus men, do not sign those request forms to get on the bus. It is a big trick to prove you want to settle in PNG, and the forms will be used against you. DANGER.

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Ella Risebrow Hasn't PNG got enough problems? I don't understand the political advantage of tricking people into immigrating.. - 4 hrs

Rhonda Balzan Bastow replied · 1 Reply

Jimmy Smith Just playing with innocent lives. - 4 hrs

Jimmy Smith Every planing from DIBP not png. I know png they are all like slaves. When we asked from png immigration why you peoples want settle us in png than they said, refugees will be settle in png. When we asked why you settle

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 **Michele Feinberg**  
22 hrs · 🌐

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTESTERS ON NAURU - DAY 37  
THEIR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT  
IT IS A FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



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 **Hossein Azadi** added 8 new photos.  
April 27 at 11:16am · 🌐

RPC3 peaceful protests Day 39 wed.27.apr.2016.  
2 refugees still missing one asylum on hunger strike 4 more are at the medical center 2 refugees are also in hospital and one self immolation.  
What else Australia needs to act? more deaths?  
Shut concentration camps NOW.

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"I arrived in Australia 3 years ago and asked Australia for asylum under international law. The Labor government of Australia exiled me to their prison camp in Manus Island PNG by force. I have been imprisoned here for almost 3 years and have been under a lot of pressure to fill in the protection application in PNG but I have constantly denied to do so. I did not arrive in PNG and did never give the PNG government my case for asylum. I have never wanted to resettle in this country.

This is part of my fight. I have worked hard and tirelessly during the last 3 years to send out Manus voice. I wrote lots of articles and pieces in my real name and fake name. I have worked hard with filmmakers, fellow journalists, organisations and lawyers but now I want to send out Manus voice by my body. I don't have any other way".

These photographs stand as poignant testimony to Boochani's indomitable spirit. His fragile body has been wracked by years of starvation, pain and illness and subjected to cruel and inhumane conditions of confinement in the infamous Chauka isolation cell. Yet it will not be broken.

What we see in these photographs is evidence of Behrouz Boochani's unshakable moral force and fighting spirit.

As we write these words, Boochani has climbed into a tree to escape the PNG police who have been sent to evict him forcibly from the compound and eventually from the camp. A group of other inmates stand around the tree, in the pouring rain, to show their solidarity, putting their own bodies on the line.

RAPBS calls on all of us in Australia who support the "humane values" which Behrouz is determined to protect with the whole force of his body and will: **STAND WITH BEHROUZ.**

**Researchers against Pacific Black Sites Facebook Page  
Professor Suvendrini Perera with Professor Joseph Pugliese & Janet Galbratih  
#standwithBehrouz**

**MY STATEMENT FOLLOWING PROTEST ON 24TH APRIL 2016**

First I want to say thank you to all those advocates, journalists, academics, writers and friends who supported me and my way with their beautiful words yesterday.

Really I am happy that people understood perfectly that I went on top of that tall tree because of humanity and moral values. I am proud that you could recognise that I did not do that because of any mental sickness and that it was a political action.

Yesterday i had some short loud talks when I was on that dangerous place with immigration, psychologists, and officers and I explained to them that this action is only for democratic values and is against modern slavery which we in Manus prison are subject to.

I could move to Oscar prison easily but I resisted and chose to fight on a tall tree with my body. I know that you can understand deeply my situation as a man who has been imprisoned for about three years without any crime. I am a political prisoner.

I know that many of you know that I did not have any other way open to me to resist this. I had to climb on top of that tree because there was no longer any other way. The action was political. We are victims of political propaganda and should be understood as political prisoners. Australia put up in a hell prison camp under a regime of systematic torture. I wanted to show that his policy is cruel, inhumane, unjust and a modern form of slavery. We were forcibly transported from Australia to their black site on Manus Island and are subject to a regime of systematic torture. I hope that this action will encourage people to think more about the Australian Guantanamo in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.



**Behrouz Boochani Facebook Post**

For the men on Manus, in order to leave Oscar and Delta compounds you would need to write a request. Any requests to go to East Lorengau will be treated as evidence of being happy to resettle. Resettlement is a failure and the last thing anyone should be doing is giving immigration evidence that could be used against everyone just before the court case in PNG is heard in full.

I have heard in meetings today that it was suggested that you swap cigarettes for drugs and alcohol. This is dangerous and irresponsible of immigration to be saying this. If you do this you will be risking your life and health, and the lives and health of those around you. The men at the Transit Centre will be really disturbed if you turn up there in a drugged or drunk state after being refused entry back to the detention centre. And if you are ill there is no health care at the Transit Centre. A nurse turns up once a week on a Friday, but only to issue prescriptions, not to actually treat people.

Immigration are treating you as puppets trying to control your behaviour. First they take away points to pressure you to move to the Transit Centre and now they are restoring points in order to encourage you to go.

As I have said elsewhere, over the last fourteen months only 7 people have been resettled. Three of them have returned to Manus. And three others have experienced being assaulted and robbed. You came to seek safety from Australia. In return the Australian government locked you up and endangered your lives through depression and poor living conditions causing you mental and physical distress. You call for freedom but need to hold on to the chance of also finding safety. This isn't possible in PNG. I urge and encourage you, whatever state of mental stress you may be under, NOT to request to go to East Lorengau. Don't do it.

Your strength has been in your numbers and always has been.

You know enough about how immigration lies and keeps changing the rules to be fooled.

Keep safe. Keep strong.

**Margaret Sinclair Facebook Page 25 April 2016**

Manus men already in Australia:  
I wish you a long and happy life here.

There is one obvious and immediate outcome of the PNG Supreme Court case finding that Manus OPC is illegal.

The Manus men in Australia for medical treatment cannot be sent back to Manus. I am absolutely certain that it is true.

Australia would be found to be acting in contempt of the PNG Supreme Court if they sent anyone else to Manus detention.

If Australia tried to send them back, I strongly doubt that PNG would issue a visa for the man. PNG would be legally bound to deny a visa.

Any PNG politician who ordered such a visa be granted, and any PNG public servant who did issue that visa could face serious gaol time. They would be in contempt of court.

Welcome to Australia.xxx

The Supreme Court decision means both groups — refugees and asylum seekers — are being illegally detained, because their freedom of movement is curtailed.

This is a news update. Full article in comments for those with limited data.

Ha ha, don't listen to stupid Dutton. He still has not realised that his appointment as Immigration Minister was a set-up. He is being paid back for supporting Abbott against Turnbull. He will be blamed for all the problems with Manus and Nauru and never be a minister again. Might even lose his seat in Government. Bye bye.

**Lynne Murphy Facebook Page 28 April 2016**