

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/048) - Contracted staff - Comcare claims - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 117) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Okay. What I want to know is how many of those staff have been referred to Comcare for claims, and whether that is included in your group of 74 or not.

Dr Charker: It will not be included, because the 74 relates to departmental notifications. I will have to take on notice the first part of your question, noting that Comcare may or may not be the relevant—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I understand that.

Dr Charker: I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I understand that, but I also understand that some staff contracted by Wilsons or Serco in the past have, so I want to know how many of those have in the last financial year and how many have since the beginning of this financial year.

Dr Charker: We will take that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Thank you.

Answer:

From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, 74 incidents have been notified to Comcare. 39 incidents satisfied the reporting requirements of the Act, no claims have been submitted.

From 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015, 7 incidents have been notified to Comcare. 6 incidents satisfied the reporting requirements of the Act, no claims have been submitted.

Wilsons and Serco are self-insurers for workers' compensation purposes. The Department does not have oversight of this information.