

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0093) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 98) asked:

Provide detail of what the reports of bullying and intimidation amongst asylum seekers on Nauru entail. Have detainees reported being bullied or intimidated to the service providers that the department oversees?

Answer:

Two types of bullying and intimidation have been reported to service providers:

- i. transferees being bullied into participating in protest activity, anti-social behaviour and self-harm; and
- ii. transferees who allegedly owe money to people smugglers being threatened by other transferees who are suspected agents for the people smuggler.