

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0436) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What sanctions were applied to those who escaped the Nauru and Manus centres?

*Answer:*

Transferees who abscond from either centre are individually supported through ongoing monitoring and engagement. Where necessary, individual circumstances of transferees are discussed by all service providers, and triggers of their behaviour and multilateral plans for managing behaviour are developed.

Sanctions were applied to transferees who absconded from the Nauru Regional Processing Centre through the temporary suspension of their excursion privileges. They have not faced any legal sanctions.

No sanctions, legal or otherwise, have been applied to the transferees who absconded from the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre.