

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0187) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 109) asked:

Senator CASH: I take you now to the answer given to AE13/0093, in which I 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?

The answer that was provided was:

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.

How many reports of bullying and intimidation amongst asylum seekers have been made to service providers on Nauru?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice. I do not believe it to be a significant number, but I will take it on notice.

Answer:

48 reports of bullying and intimidation amongst transferees have been made to service providers on Nauru.