

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0189) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 109) asked:

Senator CASH: Could you also take on notice how many asylum seekers on Nauru are suspected agents of people smugglers, and how many reports of bullying and intimidation amongst asylum seekers have been made to service providers on Manus Island—unless you have the information.

Answer:

The Department has received a report from a service provider on Nauru in relation to an alleged people smuggling agent. This report has been referred to the appropriate authorities.

Service providers have advised that, as at 28 May 2013, there have been 21 reports of bullying and intimidation amongst transferees on Manus Island.