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26 September 2014

Dear Minister Morrison,

I write to make you aware of some concerning information that has been brought to my attention.

I have been made aware of incidents of abuse inside the Nauru Detention Centre involving asylum seekers and centre staff. It has been alleged to me that on occasions women have been forced to expose themselves to sexual exploitation in exchange for access to showers and other amenities. There are further reports that access to cigarettes is being traded for sexual favours. I am extremely alarmed that the reports also involve children and young girls.

It is my understanding that detention centre staff may be involved in these incidents and that complaints have been made through case managers.

I request that these incidents be investigated urgently by your Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hanson-Young

Australian Greens spokesperson for Immigration

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Mr Scott Morrison
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30 September 2014

Dear Minister Morrison,

I am writing to follow up on serious allegations made to my office in relation to the conduct of staff at the Nauru detention centre.

The accusations referred to in my letter from last week, involving the sexual exploitation of women and children on Nauru, are extremely serious and more information has come to my attention in recent days.

- I have heard from multiple sources that children as young as 8 years old have been involved in lip stitching and other forms of self-harm following the introduction of last week's legislation.
- Accusations of a rape taking place inside the centre and a young female detainee being threatened with rape upon her resettlement in the Nauru community.
- Accusations that Nauruan guards have been trading marijuana with detainees in exchange for sexual favours.
- Accusations that a guard previously employed at the centre forced children to engage in sexual activity in front of him and that this guard has since been removed from working inside the family camp.

The seriousness of these allegations, and those I raised with you last week, demand an urgent and thorough, independent investigation.

I would appreciate an opportunity to speak about these allegations in more detail with you directly, should you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely,


Sarah Hanson-Young.

Australian Greens Spokesperson for Immigration

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The Hon. Scott Morrison MP
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

MEDIA STATEMENT

Friday 3 October 2014

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO 'NAURU ALLEGATIONS'

Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, the Hon Scott Morrison today announced an independent review into allegations of inappropriate conduct by contracted service providers at the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) and that such allegations may have been fabricated as part of an orchestrated campaign, involving service provider staff to undermine the Government's border protection policies.

"The Government takes allegations of misconduct by employees of contracted service providers at the Nauru OPC very seriously, particularly allegations of abuse or sexual misconduct. It is also of great concern to receive reports that such allegations may have been fabricated as part of a wider campaign by staff, acting in concert with external advocates, to seek to change Government policy," Minister Morrison said.

"When allegations of serious misconduct involving sexual abuse were raised with me, I referred them to my Department for assessment and advice. In the course of the week I was alerted to additional reporting that cast doubt on the integrity of these abuse allegations and the probability of additional activity by some service provider staff, working with advocates outside Nauru, seeking to undermine the Government's border protection policies.

"This matter needs to be resolved.

"Allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct are serious and need to be addressed and action taken wherever necessary.

"Equally the Government must have confidence that service providers act with professionalism and in accordance with their contractual obligations. They are employed to do a job, not to be political activists. Making false claims, and worse allegedly coaching self-harm and using children in protests is unacceptable, whatever their political views or agendas.

"Today I announce that the Acting Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection has commissioned Mr Phillip Moss to conduct an independent investigation into all of these matters."

Mr Philip Moss is the former Integrity Commissioner and former head of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI). Mr Moss has served the Australian Government's law enforcement and integrity communities with distinction since July 2007, when he was appointed the inaugural Integrity Commissioner.

Mr Moss will be asked to:

- assess the accuracy of the allegations and determine exactly what the facts are;
- ensure those facts are available to any authorities for any action that would take place as a result; and
- provide the department with recommendations to strengthen relevant arrangements relating to the provision of services at the centre, and the conduct of service providers and staff at the Offshore Processing Centre in Nauru.

“The review will look closely at the actions of all entities contracted by the Australian Government to provide services at the centre,” Minister Morrison said.

“Allegations of criminal conduct committed under Nauruan law will be referred to relevant Nauruan authorities to investigate and prosecute, as appropriate.

“In addition, I can confirm that a series of matters relating to possible breaches of s70 of the Crimes Act relating to the use of official information have been referred to the Australian Federal Police.

“I can also advise that my Department has had to invoke provisions under the service provider contract to require the removal of ten staff from Save the Children from Nauru. I should stress that these removals do not relate to any suspected misconduct regarding sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.

“Yesterday I spoke to my Nauruan counterpart, Minister for Justice, David Adeang, on this matter. Mr Adeang has indicated his support for the review.

“Consistent with the MOU between Australia and Nauru, the security, good order and management of the centre, including the care and welfare of persons residing in the centre, remains the responsibility of the sovereign Government of Nauru. The Australian Government provides support to the Nauruan Government in this role.

“Accordingly, it is important that Mr Moss will work closely with Nauruan authorities on this review and share his findings with them,” Minister Morrison said.

Mr Moss has been directed to deliver an interim report within the next seven weeks, with a final report due at the end of the year.

Further information: Kerri Griffiths 0417 617 482



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Parliamentary Question on Notice

For decision

ExecCorro Reg. Number

To Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

Number Parliamentary Question on Notice 355

Asked by Senator Rachel Siewert

Date asked 15 APRIL 2014

Urgency *Tabling due by 15 May 2014.*

Purpose

To seek your approval to table the suggested response to the question on notice asked by Senator Rachel Siewert as to whether the Department has provided a submission to the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* in respect of particular matters.

Background

The *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* was established on 11 January 2013. Since that time, the Attorney General's Department (AGD) has been coordinating the Commonwealth's input. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) has been working closely with AGD to provide information as needed. To date, no submission has been made to the Royal Commission by the Commonwealth.

This response has been delayed due to a technical error with the Senate website that meant the Department only became aware of the question on 9 May 2014.

Attachment

Attachment A Proposed response

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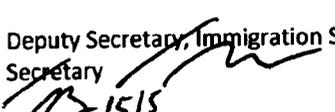
Recommendation

That you approve the response at Attachment A for tabling.

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Authorising Officer		Minister		
 Kate Pope PSM First Assistant Secretary, Community Programmes and Children 14/5/2014 Ph: (02) 6198 7218				
Minister's Comments				
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Contact Officer Katie Constantinou, Assistant Secretary, Community Support and Children, Ph: (02) 6198 7219.

Through Deputy Secretary, Immigration Status Resolution Group
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Department of Immigration and Border Protection

SENATE QUESTION

(Question No. 355)

Senator Rachel Siewert asked the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, upon notice, on 15 April 2014:

- (1) Is the department preparing a submission to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; if not, why not.
- (2) If the department is preparing a submission:
 - (a) will the submission indicate to the Royal Commission all instances of sexual abuse of child migrants that came to the attention of the department; if not, why not;
 - (b) will the submission contain references to the alleged child sexual abuse involving Barnardo's Mowbray Park; if not, why not; and
 - (c) will the submission indicate the following:
 - (i) the number of child migrants sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd, Leederville;
 - (ii) the reasons for their being sent; and
 - (iii) the date on which the Minister's delegate authorised each such sending under section 11 of the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946.

Senator Cash – The Minister for Immigration and Border Protection has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

I can confirm that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) has not made any submissions to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Attorney General's Department (AGD) is coordinating the Commonwealth's input to the Royal Commission. The Department has provided information to AGD as part of whole of government responses to information requests and will continue to do so.